

FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

January 6, 2022

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Kathy Parkinson, Kathy Owsik, Bill Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, and Rachelle Nocito, Bev Rorer, Scott Seikowitz, Betty Graham, Jim Petrokubi, Beverly Coster

EXCUSED: Joe Rastatter

Meeting was called to order by Fran McGarrity, at 6:34 p.m. by teleconference.

Minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were read and motion to approve was made by Bev Rorer and Kathy Owsik seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: Operating account is \$118,790.00. Endowment Account is \$187,722.00. There was a total of \$8621.00 profit for all Holiday events. Winterfest alone brought in \$4200.00 profit, but there were extra expenses for the month, ending with a \$2539.00 total profit. Final net income for December 2021 is \$7703.00. Bill Parkinson moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Rochelle Nocito and approved by all.

New Township Representatives: Rachelle Nocito, Joe Rastatter and Scott Seikowitz have been appointed as our new township representatives. Welcome to all. Scott gave us a little background on himself, telling us that he was originally from Pittsburgh and taught at Elwyn Institute for 23 years. He also served on several Boards, did some grant writing, and also was in the food business. The Grange is very special to him, being that he got married there 44 years ago, and will be celebrating his Anniversary there this year. He is honored to be a part of our team and ready to give his best to the Grange.

Tenant Farmhouse: There are some issues that have arisen in the tenant farmhouse. The tenants pay \$1800.00 monthly and we need to address these issues as soon as possible. The radiators need to be bled, which we have put a call into Gans Plumbing. There are also some mice issues, so an exterminator needs to be called.

Bathrooms: Toilets need repair in office, bridal bathroom and apartment. All three toilets are old and need to be replaced. There is an approval needed for up to \$3,000.00 to get this done. Bill Parkinson moved to approve, Betty Graham seconded, all were in favor.

Christmas Gifts: The Executive Committee approved gifts for both our secretary (\$100.00), and also the Caretakers (\$200.00). All three are worth their weight in gold and we are so happy to have them with us.

Wedding Rentals: October 1, and October 9, 2022 are the only available dates for wedding rentals.

CDBG: Looks like we have hit a wall with this issue. The pricing involved in fixing the leaning wall, and the farmhouse roof is well over \$100,000.00 each. The finance director said they are looking at value engineering and explore other options. We need to try and set up a meeting with them as soon as possible.

JML Electric update: Finally, the installation of the direct electric lines from the mansion alarm to the circuit breaker and the direct line from the A/C to the Carriage House circuit breaker are completed. Total cost was \$947.00.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasurers/Book Club: Jeanine Rastatter scheduled sale for April 2, 2022, but noted that there have not been many donations lately.

Book Club is hopefully set for Feb. 8, 2022 and we are looking to read the novel, "March."

Bees: Bev Rorer noted that we have lost 2 hives. One of our beekeepers is donating a hive this Spring. Bev is going to need to purchase two hives, which will be approximately \$130.00 apiece. Bill Parkinson moved to approve the \$300.00 for the hives, Betty Graham seconded. All in favor.

Hospitality: Debbie Cipolla said she has a great group of helpers and will take over the chair spot for hospitality. She greatly appreciates all the help.

House: Debbie Cipolla said the Mansion and trees and trains were absolutely great. The Christmas season turned out wonderful. Special acknowledgment to Chad and his wife, Francine for the super job they did in the Santa room.

Membership: Kathy Owsik wants to get the mailing out after the March meeting. Need a nominating committee. Goal is to get membership letter and slate of officers out by mid to late March. Need time for everyone to be able to vote.

Programs: Kathy Parkinson said the Holiday season turned out great. Couldn't be happier on the results. Will be sending this year's calendar out to everyone this week coming. It was nice to have everyone working together for the Betterment of the Grange.

Shoppe: Bev Coster said the gift sale in the shoppe was good, and now is the time to dismantle. Jeanine noted that they will be packing things up soon and have everything back to normal.

Tours: Sue Vernon is not here, but Kathy Owsik said tours are doing okay. She also noted that she has had a new volunteer, Beverly Bleirers, who has been helping and doing great. She also stressed that we need more volunteers for the tours. Sue Vernon noted that in the future she would like volunteer to let her know in advance, if possible, and also extended her thanks to all who did volunteer and help out. In the past she noted that the help was normally pre-scheduled. She would like to leave a list posted at the desk for everyone to sign if interested in volunteering. We also would like to raise the donation amount in the near future.

Trains: Bill Parkinson said all went well. Despite COVID, he had record numbers coming through. He will have the final number after this weekend's last train showing. The kids were so happy. We are still looking for more volunteers for next year.

Township Representatives: Nothing to report.

Bev Coster installed a little library in the front of her house which holds 39 books. If anyone is interested, stop by, and pick them up. Her address is 5 Decatur Rd., Havertown. Enjoy!
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. was made by Rochelle Nocito seconded by Beverly Coster, all approved.

Next Board of Managers meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022.