

Friends of the Grange

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023

Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
February 2, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by Bill Parkinson, who was sitting in for his wife, President, Kathy Parkinson, at 6:32 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT: Bill Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Scott Selkowitz, Joe Rastatter, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Rachelle Nocito, Kathy Owsik

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham and Bev Rorer

GUEST: Colin Quinn

The minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting were read and Joe Rastatter motioned to approve the January minutes, and Scott Selkowitz second. All were in favor. There was one correction noted from the minutes, the year 2023, was incorrectly stated, as 2022. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi reported that we have an operating balance currently at \$109,000.00 and the total balance for the checking account if \$150,879.00. Total net income as of January 2023 was \$7,615.29. The total income for the month of December was \$10,470.00. Total funds for the endowment (Merrill Lynch) is \$327,181.00. Rachelle Nocito motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Jeanine Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

Storm Drains & Necessary: The storm drain inlet is a problem. The current situation of the drain is not safe, especially if a child climbed down. This problem is not going to be easy to fix, but until it is, the township is going to put a fence around the inlet for safety.

Necessary: While restoration plans are in process, currently involving the Engineers, there are no establishment time frames for the completion to date of the issues with the Necessary.

Bees: After the incident where the boys came in and attacked the bee hives, Bev noted that one of the five hives is going great, but the others not so good. She has ordered four (4) new hives that we will have by April. She truly hopes that these boys are somehow reprimanded for their actions.

Commissioner Report: Colin Quinn joined us tonight for our meeting. It was great to have him here with us. He said that he was happy to be able to work with Scott Selkowitz.

Strategic Planning: Kathy Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Scott Selkowitz met on January 23, 2023 to begin the Strategic Planning process. The topic was “fiscal and financial reporting”. As requested, Jim prepared a detailed year to date report for the current fiscal year, beginning June 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023. An analysis of this data will be reported to the BOM at the March 2, 2023 meeting. Based on the discussions and review conducted, the Grange will be expanding the utilization of QuickBooks (financial software) in the preparation of the years 23-24 budget and the issuance of monthly financial reporting converting to year to date reports. Additionally, efforts are underway to retain a new accountant who can provide technical and supportive assistance beyond the preparation of the required 990 tax documents.

Haverford Township Adult School: - On April 28, 2023, we will be hosting an evening of history at the Grange. After the tour and history, we will be serving wine and cheese. The cost of this event will be \$10.00 a person and we are hoping to find some more volunteers along with some interested tour guides. As of today, 21 people have signed up. We are capping the night at “30”. Motion was made by Kathy Parkinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. It was seconded by Kathy Owsik. All approved.

Events Schedule: 3 pages will be emailed to the Board with the Schedule of Events. We have all agreed on having the Christmas Party on December 8, 2023. It seems more desirable to have it the second Friday as opposed to Dec. 1, 2023.

Upcoming events that are presently scheduled for February are as follows:
Feb. 21st, will be Book Club at 7 PM, Feb. 23rd, will be the Strategic Planning Event.

By-Laws: Consideration will be given to forming the “Grange Advisory Council” as outlined in the By-Laws. It will be discussed further with the Township.

New Business: Joe Rastatter proposed looking for help for the Sacred Heart Shamrock Shuffle 5K race that will take place on March 4, 2023. The race will take place between 10-12. The Grange donated \$250.00 for a sponsorship. Jeanine will be sitting at a table at the Sacred Heart school to try and generate interest in memberships at the Grange. Please come out and join us.

Township Representatives: Rachelle Nocito would like to extend a great “thank you” to Scott Selkowitz for all of his hard work in planning and getting the Strategic Planning up and running. She feels that it will be very successful and will be helpful to all of us at the Grange.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M., motion to end was made by Scott Selkowitz, and Rachelle Nocito seconded. All approved.

Next Board of Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 2023.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.