

March 17, 2020

Board Meeting Notes

Board Attendees: Anna Batista, Raymond Baum, Jill Beck, Dalia Belinkoff, Richard Feder, Lori Fitzgerald, Heather Graham, Barb Grover, Michael Henderson, Marshall Hershberg, Martha Isler, Lois Liberman, Cindy Morelock, Lisa Murphy, Joseph Ott, Mary Shaw, Lisa Steindel, Josh Sayles, Erik Wagner, Eveline Young

Staff: Maria Cohen

Guests: N/A

The February Notes were approved. Evaline Approved, Rich Seconded with corrections that he sent.

Welcome by Mardi Isler.

Roll Call

1. Approval of Tree Decision - Should we create a letter of support for the Phipps/Mellon Park Historic Designations?
2. Approval of the changes to the CRA letter – Joe motioned, Rich Approved
3. Executive Director Report

P&L for February - For the month of February, we had a loss of about 5,428 dollars. We had an additional 1,180 in membership dues come in and our expenses mainly consisted of salaries and professional fees.

On our balance sheet we currently have 49,945.30 in unrestricted funds. Last year at this time we had 29,969.59 in unrestricted funds so we have pretty close to 20,000 dollars more.

Again, the difference is that we made more money for our Treasure Dinner and we have spent less money than we thought we would when we prepared monthly budgets.

We do have an upcoming magazine issue coming out which usually does result in increased expenses for a month or two but we are on good pace to meet our budgetary needs for the year.

Finally, we have hired an accountant to complete our 990 and BCO-10 for 2019 by the deadline of April 15. This will be an additional expected expense of \$700.

Cost of End of Year Fundraising – It was \$515 with labor.

Census Grant – We received a \$2500 census grant. We need to track all of the expenses. If any board members have suggestions of how to reach hard to get to community members please let us know.

4. Built Environment – There is a new building that is planned for CMU’s campus. Bob Reppe presented to the Built Environment Committee.
5. Education Committee Update – The education committee met with the President of Colfax. They committee is gathering more coherent ideas, gathering volunteers and reaching out to other PTOs in the region. The group is trying to get other PTA’s involved. The goal to pick it up is late summer early Fall.
6. Litter Patrol – On March 2nd there was a Lunar NY debrief. There were prizes given at Minadeo – two environmental mugs. The April 19th clean up was cancelled and there will be a clean up in the Fall/October. We ordered 50 buttons for volunteers. July 24th is the Grand Prix.
7. Magazine Committee – the Magazine is slated to go out this week.
8. Bike – Ped Committee – The committee is in the process of putting together a walking/biking map with OTMA. They will show the level of difficulty and work on a more formal cost proposal to bring to the board. Rich sent a thank you note to DOMI. The next meeting will be 4/17 or 4/24.
9. Events – The pizza tasting is not a good idea. We might schedule a happy hour or something else when we are able. Jill would like to be a support for other committees.
10. President’s Report
 - a. COVID 19 update – There is an impact on the bid. We can mail packages and use the drop box.
 - b. Tree of Life Memorialization Update – It is confusing and seems to be on hold. The ball is in Mike Gable’s court
 - c. Phipps Garden Center Renovations – We need to decide whether or not we will contribute a letter of support for the Phipps/Mellon Park Historical distinction.
 - d. May 9th Wine Walk – this will most likely be canceled. It might be replaced with an event during the July Grand Prix.
11. What should we do to support the Merchants and Neighborhood?
 - a. Talk with Corey and Erika
 - b. Profiles of Neighbors – Kindness is Contagious
 - c. Educational activities for working parents
 - d. Get out info about Hebrew Free loans and other assistance in the community

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