

Haverford Township - Friends of the Grange

Meeting: Tuesday, April 04, 2024

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Location: 143 Myrtle Ave, Havertown PA 19083 - drawing room of the Mansion

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson Rastatter, at 6:40 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT :

Kathy Parkinson, Bill Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chris Madden, Sandy Oslavsky, Hazel Delikatny, Rick Miller, Joe Rastatter, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Rochelle Nocito, Andrea r Quinn, Cathy DiGirolamo, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer and Gerry Hart, Jim Petrokubi

EXCUSED: Fran McGarrity, Chad Brooks, Kathy Owsik

The Minutes from the March 2024 meeting(which was held in February) were read and reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Miller, and seconded by Hazel Delikatny. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Petrokubi reported the following totals as of Feb. 29, 2024 but will be following up at the next meeting with the written totals in all areas.

Operating Expense:	\$ 120,568.00
Amphitheater Fund.	\$ 24,969.00
Total checking:	\$ 162,718.00

Merrill Lynch - \$166,533.00

Total Funds as of Feb. 29, 2024 - \$351,897.00

Joe Rastatter moved to approve the treasurer's report and Chris seconded, all were in favor.

Grange Portal: Bill Parkinson gave a presentation on our new portal for all of us to be able to use. He showed the sign in and a few of the main features, for all of us to be able to get into the site. He will send a link at a later date that will allow all of us to get in. The Home page of the portal will allow us to access business items, and upcoming events for the month ahead. There is also a section for “input.” If you would like to input any suggestions or vote, this is where it will be. There will also be a full calendar and a navigation bar will take you to the calendar – beginning with the upcoming/ present month and then you can look for future months.

There will also be a section for all committees – what the committees are, and descriptions of the duties of the chairperson.

There is also a reference section – by laws – rental agreements and all official documents.

Everyone’s names and email address will be listed on the portal.

Andrea offered to help with the setting up page for listing all “Volunteers”. Kathy P. went on to say that once Bill is in the final stages, there will be classes to go through the site for all of us to get used to it.

By-Laws Update: Kathy P. gave the By-Laws to the Township and there were three small changes that needed to be made:

1. We put in for two-year terms for representatives from the township – the township did not want that. The Representatives are in for the long run, so we deleted the “two-year term”
2. The term “Chairperson” needs to replace, “Chairman”
3. Period that should have been a coma.

There will be voting next week. We should have them within a few weeks and then we will be voting on them.

Nominating Committee: Bill Parkinson – has not received any addition request for nominations for executive committee. All of the existing officers have agreed to come back -no other interested parties so far.

Cathy DiGirolamo also has come up for a third term, and will need to be voted on. Motion to approve this was made by Bill Parkinson, Debbie Cipolla seconded, all were in favor.

The following chairs are needed:

Tours: - Vacant.

Buildings, Gardens & Grounds – Vacant

Event person is also needed.

Volunteerism – not a standing committee, but might not be a bad idea to add it on.

Gift Shoppe – Vacant.

Tours – Vacant.

Membership Update: Kathy Owsik is away, but sent a dues payment total sheet for memberships. There is also renewal membership letter, annual meetings and ballots – all of which will go out next week. Our memberships have been going down the last few years. We will follow through with Kathy O., when she returns from her trip and talk so we can see where we currently are. We might need to re-vamp the way the memberships are done to get more of a positive return.

In May 2024, Kathy P. will be giving her “State of the Grange” address and will give the results of the memberships at that time.

Events Update: Debbie C. said that she had a meeting for volunteers – she has all their email addresses to make sure we can keep in touch with all the interested people. The Gala will be September 14, 2024, and we want to get people to donate. We will be making up a letter to send out to vendors or people/business that we know to get the whole community involved.

Antique Road Show – April 21, 2024 – if you can think of anybody that would like to come, please pass the word. As of now, we are not getting much of a response for the event. The cost is \$20.00 a head, and \$30.00 per couple.

May 2, 2024 will be our annual meeting.

May 10, 2024 – Will be the Night School Wine and Cheese – Bev Rorer will be doing a presentation. As of now, we have 30 people signed up for the class.

June 2, 2024 – Heritage Festival at Karakung Drive – Kathy P. will be sending out a sign-up genius.

April 10, 2024 – CPR class has been cancelled. Joe Rastatter said that he might be able to find another volunteer who would be able to do the CPR class for us.

Pandora’s Garden – Parking is limited from 9 AM – 11:30 while Pandora’s Garden is here – we are asking that you park at the top and walk down.

PECO/SEPTA – peeled back the back fence while they were working. We will have to find out who is responsible to put the fencing back. We will reach out to the

Township.

Bill Parkinson and Rick Miller stained a cabinet and placed it around the new sink that was installed in the Carriage House. The work will be completed shortly.

Trees: Kathy P. talked to Aimee from the Township about the on-going issue with the safety of some of the trees. Aimee is not sure whether it falls within the public works or the parks program but will look into it and let us know. She did look into the budget for us and there is money there for this year and next. Year to take some of these trees down.

Wall: The Wall has been taken down to the foundation. They are going to be pouring a new foundation when the rain stops. Things right now are all wet and damp.

Everything is being done to try and save the Magnolia tree. The Township cleared out some of the branches from the cucumber magnolia. The township will be coming back to re-grade and re-seed.

Book Club: Jeanine Rastatter – The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and we will be reading Frozen River. Book club is doing good and new people have come and are helping out.

Seven of the Book Club women have also come to the library to help put all the books in some kind of order.

Bee Report – June 15, 2024 is next bee extraction. We are trying to get spring flow of honey. Summer flow is in August, said Bev Rorer.

Hazel has been named the official bee keeper, but Bev R. is “Queen Bee”.

The new shed is being delivered on May 7, 2024. We will have combination locks on the fence and the shed.

Kathy Parkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Bev Rorer approved, and Rochelle Nocito seconded. All were in favor.