

Haverford Township
Friends of the Grange
2025 Minutes

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Friends of the Grange Board of Managers Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025

Attended: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Hazel Delikatny, Kathy Owsik, Rick Miller

Excused: Andrea Ferry, Joe Rastatter, Rochelle Nocito, Chris Madden, Debbie Cipolla, Kathleen Hammond, Fran McGarrity

Absent: Sandy Olsavsky

Status: Finalized

Agenda

Call To Order - Kathy Parkinson President

Treasurers Report - Jim Petrokubi Treasurer

Wrap Up of Holiday Season - Kathy Parkinson

Structural Issues - Kathy Parkinson

Chimneys

Amphitheater Stage

New Dishwasher for Jane and Robert

Committee Reports

Comments and Concerns

Minutes

Additional Attendees: Cindy P, Barb

Meeting called to order at 6:30. Happy new year to everyone.

Treasurers Report

156K Checking

192K Endowment

June to Dec 2024 - Profit of \$9,966

Recv'd 10,000 from Estate of Betty Graham

Recv'd 3,000 from the estate of Rita DeSimone

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Vintage Shop Profit over 9k

Holiday Wrap Up - Very successful season, still counting receipts.

Social Media, WXPN add, Channel 6, and Sales By Helen contributed to visitor count

Chimneys - Need repair. Last repair was only some of the chimneys. Will bring to township.

Amphitheater - Joists have rotted and completely deteriorated. Soliciting BOM opinion on direction.

Electrical Issues in Tenant House - Waiting to resolve with Tenant and Electrician

House is also experiencing issues with power drop outs.

A Grange maintenance plan is proposed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23.

Committee Report Bees

The Bees are well, winter feeding is in place. Donation from the Haverford Adult Night School was received, will submit at the BOM January meeting. Beekeepers have begun cardboarding and wood chipping around the bee yard and shed in preparation for spring planting.

Committee Report Buildings and Grounds

Water wheel has been winterized. Hose spigot in South garden has been shut down and drained for the winter. Remaining lights in the Carriage House will be replaced after the trains are removed. Leaf collection will be early spring. Would like to have a Spring Cleanup day to tackle little projects. If anything comes to mind please let me know.

Committee Report House and Hospitality

What a wonderful holiday it has been. Thank you to everyone that helped decorate the house. It looked fantastic. Also to all the tours guides that helped show it off. What a great group effort. Happy New Year to all. I will not be at the meeting on the 9th. Visiting Mickey.

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Committee Report Trains

We had a spectacular season with the Cobbs Creek Lines this year!

We gave out candy canes, buttons, tickets, special pins to VIPs and most importantly a free smile to every visitor.

We saw 4701 visitor who donated \$4372 to the Grange estate.

Ongoing Business

Implementing 2024-00122 Chimneys in the Mansion

Completed Business

Canceled Request 2024-00010 December 2024 BOM Meeting

Completed 2024-00014 Trains Holiday 2024 Setup

Completed 2024-00024 Winterfest 2024

Completed 2024-00063 Replace the Maen Coch sign at the bottom of the driveway

Completed 2024-00066 Photo Shoot

Completed 2024-00097 Photo Shoot

Completed 2024-00101 Grange Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party

Completed 2024-00102 Annual Grange Holiday Party 2024

Completed 2024-00106 Grange Vintage Shop

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Attended: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Joe Rastatter, Chris Madden, Debbie Cipolla, Kathleen Hammond, Kathy Owsik, Rick Miller, Sandy Olsavsky, Fran McGarrity

Excused: Andrea Ferry, Rochelle Nocito

Absent: Hazel Delikatny

Status: Finalized

Minutes

Also in attendance Cindy, Terry Dougherty, Jeff Hammond

Meeting called to order at 6:37 PM

Remembrance for Bev Costner by Jeanine. Condolences for the family. Additionally Bev's son passed. We will honor Bev, Cathy and Rita.

Joe Rastatter found out that The Thomas Jefferson documentary filmed at the Grange will aired Feb 17, 18, 19 at 8 PM on the History Channel.

Kathy attended a 250th anniversary Delco meeting. Another planning meeting is coming in a month.

Request for Volunteers - Bill Parkinson

Structural Issues Update - Chimneys, Amphitheater, Copper Beach waiting to have meeting with Dave Berman

Electrical issues solved at tenant house various lights, outlets and other fixtures corrected.

Heating issue in the house was taken care of internal temp was down to about 26 degrees. Hirshberger fixed the heat.

Upgrades to Vintage Shop request - redo shelving and cabinetry in small room in shop.

Book club has two new members

Plan to finish updating ceiling lights in carriage house, lights in hallway, lights in office and chandelier in board room.

An Eagle scout candidate is interested in restoring the rose Arbor in the gardens.

History some volunteers want to look through boxes of artifacts.

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House and Hospitality - Christmas decorations are packed up. Bard, Cindy, Fran, Helen, Rochelle, Terri, Chad, Jane, Kathy O, Kathy P all helped.

Report from PA Preservation was sent back to Grange. Will distribute.

Membership - numbers have fallen over past three years. Need working committee for membership.

Need a working group for Advertising of Grange.

Will send out an email to all about working groups.

Vintage Shop - Valentines day event made \$1000. Social media helped drive customers. Hot chocolate bar and baked goods offered in the house.

Tours - Working on adding volunteers (Christine and Rose) also want to encourage people sign up for tours on the portal so that we have the right number of tour guides in the Summer. Can we have specialize tours with experts. Passport program will be looked at.

We have one vacancy for Township Representative.

A discussion of what the operating balance should be.

March 29 is Spring clean up day. Various cleanup projects and leaf pickup. Rain date March 30. Plan for fall clean up day to line up with Villanova Volunteer Day to be able to get volunteers.

We should improve signage on the Grounds.

Joe Motioned to Adjourn, Rick seconded at 7:56.

Treasurers Report

To Do Copy past from Jim

Committee Report Bees

The Bees have survived the cold and snow of the past few weeks.

More fondant for winter feeding has been ordered, receipts to follow.

We are giving a spring 'Beekeeping for Beginners' class for the Haverford Township Adult School on Saturday, March 22 from 1pm to 4pm up at our Bee Yard. Registration is now open through HTAS.

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I will not be able to attend the BOM February meeting due to a prior engagement, see you in March!

Committee Report House and Hospitality

Thanks to all that helped to put the mansion back together. Couldn't do it without their help. Helen, Cindy, Barb, Kathy o, Jane, rose. kathy p. What would the Grange do without all these wonderful ladies.

Committee Report Trains

Trains are being packed up presently. We are working on detailed documentation of how to setup and take down the trains and storing them in a way that will speed up same.

Regarding the recurring suggestion to charge admission to the trains.

The FOG invests no funds to support the trains. Zero. Never has, never will. We have never asked for money from the FOG nor do we expect it. The FOG allocates the Trains storage space in the Carriage house attic.

All volunteer lunches, dinners, snacks, giveaway buttons, giveaway tickets, giveaway scavenger hunts are donated by myself and other volunteers of the Trains committee.

All trains, platforms, decorations, lights, transformers, tracks, wood, paint, screws, nails, and so on are 98% owned by the train volunteers with the exception of a small number of donated items.

The biggest reward for the volunteers is the seeing the joy on the faces of the children and adults as they share in the experience of the train layout that we have lovingly put together. Additional things that drive the volunteers are camaraderie with the other volunteers, interest in trains, interest in carpentry, wiring, art and so on.

The trains have brought in an ever increasing amount of donations to the FOG. This year \$4,300. Again recall that the FOG does not invest a dime to get this donation.

The trains have brought many more visitors to the Grange. Look at the historical trend of more visitors during the Holiday season. The trains always have more visitors than house tours but both numbers are rising.

The volunteers are extremely pleased to be able to share this bit of holiday joy with the community. And to a person all agree that the Free is the best way to share this.

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If you feel there should be a charge, you should come out while we are open as a train docent and experience it. You will come away with a different point of view.

If the FOG decides that charging admission is required, we will move the trains to another venue. There are several options available that would be thrilled to collect an extra \$4k plus.

So lets stop wasting time suggesting this path and get to work on the ton of work that needs to be done at the Grange.

Ongoing Business

Implementing 2024-00027 Trains Teardown fom 2024 Season

Waiting for Event 2025-00001 Cobbs Creek Lines Setup 2025

Implementing 2025-00003 Develop and Document Grange Estate Maintenance Plan

Implementing 2025-00014 Grange Vintage Shop Valentines Day Event

Waiting for Event 2025-00015 Grange Memorial Celebration 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00016 Tours and Grange Vintage Shop 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00017 Grange Tea Party 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00018 Hertiage Day 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00019 Sip and Shop 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00020 Township Day 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00021 Halloween Party 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00022 All Hands on Deck 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00023 Fall Fest 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00024 Sip and Shop 2025 Preholiday

Waiting for Event 2025-00025 Winterfest 2025

Implementing 2025-00027 Mansion Heating

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Completed Business

Canceled Request 2024-00010 December 2024 BOM Meeting

Completed 2024-00011 January 2025 BOM Meeting

Completed 2024-00026 Holiday 2024 Schedule

Completed 2025-00008 Tenant Farmhouse Electric

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Attended: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Andrea Ferry, Joe Rastatter, Chris Madden, Debbie Cipolla, Kathleen Hammond, Rick Miller

Excused: Rochelle Nocito, Hazel Delikatny, Kathy Owsik, Sandy Olsavsky, Fran McGarry

Status: Finalized

Agenda

Meeting with township to discuss Copper Beech, Chimney Repair, Amphitheater.

Heater Repair

Shop Floor Repair

Cuppola Painting will be happening soon need to pick a color

Erica Deushelle held interview for social media

Minutes

Also in attendance: Terri D, Cindy P., Bev Rorer represented Bees.

Met with Dave Berman Discussed Trees, Chimneys,

Township has plans underway for copper beech removal.

Township will get estimates for chimneys for 2026 budget.

Township to review amphitheater for alignment.

Discussed lamp posts for walkway. Identified

Discussed bench replacements. Township will put in cement pads. Grange to buy benches. Need folks to walk around and decide on bench locations.

Dave is aligned with the maintenance committee and plan.

The contract for the necessary is about to be awarded.

Events:

Need to move date for Tea Party.

Need to add Evening hours for Holiday Schedule.

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Easter Egg Hunt Sat April 5. Vintage shop will be open. House will be open. Need to know time.

We have found Gardens Plans. There is much interest getting gardens going.

Kathy O has found a replacement Cucumber Magnolia tree. Planning to plant it.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00PM

Treasurers Report

Through January

6/1 through 1/31 income

Jim to email to Bill

Committee Report Bees

Honeybees are well, winter feeding continuing. The Saturday, March 22 Beginners Beekeeping Class now has 6 registrants, we will be preparing class handouts, the bee suits and teaching equipment over the next 2 weeks.

Committee Report Grange Advertising Working Group

Volunteers collected. First meeting March 17

Committee Report Grange Maintenance Plan Working Group

Volunteers collected. First meeting Sat March 22.

Committee Report Grange Membership Evaluation

Volunteers collected.

Committee Report Grange Train Layout Quiet Hours

We have collected some volunteers. Will be reaching out to folks like via email at first.

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Committee Report Grange Vintage Shop

Hall closet fixed up, new lighting, donation day success. Spring theme for shop is being decorated. Offering guides for consignment document on portal.

Committee Report Grange Web Site Working Group

We have collected a group of volunteers. First meeting March 17.

Committee Report Trains

Trains teardown from 2024 season is complete. We reorganized almost everything to expedite set up and teardown in the future.

We also received a beautiful antique train and layout from the Petrokubi family. During the off season we want to figure out how we could display that layout and train.

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Waiting for Event 2025-00024 Sip and Shop 2025 Preholiday

Waiting for Event 2025-00025 Winterfest 2025

Implementing 2025-00028 Grange Website Update

Implementing 2025-00030 Shop Closet Renewal

Waiting for Event 2025-00032 Spring Cleanup 2025

Implementing 2025-00042 Allentown Train Show

Implementing 2025-00044 Mansion Heating System

Completed Business

Completed 2024-00011 January 2025 BOM Meeting

Completed 2024-00127 February 2025 BOM Meeting

Completed 2025-00008 Tenant Farmhouse Electric

Completed 2025-00027 Mansion Heating

Canceled Request 2025-00031 Spring clean up day

Canceled Request 2025-00036 Next Weekend

Friends of the Grange Board of Managers Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2025

Attended: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Jim Petrokubi, Andrea Ferry, Joe Rastatter, Debbie Cipolla, Hazel Delikatny, Kathy Owsik, Rick Miller, Sandy Olsavsky

Excused: Bill Parkinson, Lisa Marie Camacho, Chris Madden, Kathleen Hammond, Fran McGarrity

Status: Finalized

Minutes

Kathy P. called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Treasurer's report: 183, 290 total in checking

Advertising and Web Design Meetings have occurred

Maintenance Committee has met: A home inspector will be hired to come up with a whole list of things to be worked on and will help us prioritize projects. Robert Travers gave a name of someone who specializes in inspecting old houses.

Update on the Necessary: the county and state approved the funding of the repair, but they forgot to get the approval of the Haverford Township Historical Commission. Kathy hopes that the commission will move on approval as this project has approval at the state level.

Committee Report Bees

The bees have come through winter and are producing brood (young) and honey stores.

Our Beekeeping for Beginners Class on March 22 was a success with 12 registrants, all but one donned suits and inspected the hives.

We have ordered 2 Nuc colonies, installation date April 19th, weather permitting.

Committee Report Buildings and Grounds

Kathy met with Steven, who recently received a Landscape Design certification from Longwood. They plan to revitalize the gardens and make it clearer for volunteers who want to tackle work on the gardens.

Rick Miller has a single sheet layout of the gardens and will put the PDF on the portal.

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Rick spoke with Brian Dougherty to get a bid to put 24" deep concrete footings for the 10 new lampposts lining the walkway. Rick would like to buy 7 lampposts, which are on sale for \$119 for a total of \$840.

Rick is also looking to get 6ft long benches for 8 locations on the property. The township will put down the concrete pad for each bench.

Last Saturday was the workday on the property. The bridge is completely rotted and needs replacement. Brian Dougherty is giving us an estimate.

Rick would like to buy a shed for behind the Carriage House. Rick's Sheds has one for \$3500. Fuels are currently being stored in the long barn, which is dangerous.

Rick would also like to plant 7 Red Cedars along the driveway where they were before and is looking at planting in early fall. Seven (2ft. cedars) will cost about \$210.

The next project is to work on the sign at the top of the driveway.

Rick thinks we should have the Volunteer Work Day twice a year, spring and fall.

Committee Report Grange Advertising Working Group

The group met initially and has a second meeting planned. High level plan is formulating.

Committee Report Grange Maintenance Plan Working Group

Group met and worked out high level plan. Next step is to hire an inspector with the following scope of work:

Inspector Scope of Work

Review all buildings, walls and structures at the Grange

Produce a written report of all issues found. Prioritize how soon each issue should be remediated.

Produce a written report of all regular maintenance items for the Grange. Include frequency with which those should be undertaken.

Review report with working group to answer questions.

Review the report with the Board at a board meeting (first thursdays)

Available for follow up questions from working group as work plans are made up.

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Committee Report Grange Web Site Working Group

Team met and identified end users and usages of the web site. Another meeting is planned to continue work.

Ongoing Business

Waiting for Event 2025-00016 Tours and Grange Vintage Shop 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00017 Grange Tea Party 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00026 Holiday Season 2025

Implementing 2025-00032 Spring Cleanup 2025

Implementing 2025-00048 New Folding Chairs

Implementing 2025-00049 Grange Web Site Working Group

Implementing 2025-00051 Grange Maintenance Plan Working Group Meeting

Implementing 2025-00052 Grange Advertising Working Group Meeting

Waiting for Event 2025-00055 Honey Extraction Aug 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00063 Book Club April Meeting

Waiting for Event 2025-00067 Grange Web Site Working Group Meeting

Waiting for Event 2025-00068 Advertising Working Group Meeting

Waiting for Event 2025-00069 Spring Sip and Shop

Completed Business

Canceled Request 2024-00111 Pandora's Garden

Canceled Request 2024-00116 Training

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Canceled Request 2025-00015 Grange Memorial Celebration 2025

Completed 2025-00044 Mansion Heating System

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Attended: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Andrea Ferry, Joe Rastatter, Lisa Marie Camacho, Debbie Cipolla, Hazel Delikatny, Kathleen Hammond, Kathy Owsik, Rick Miller, Sandy Olsavsky, Fran McGarrity

Excused: Chris Madden

Status: Finalized

Agenda

State of the Grange Report - President

History of the Haverford Reserve - Steven Goodman

Minutes

Good evening and welcome to The Historic Grange Estate's Annual Meeting. It is always a humbling process to prepare this talk for our members. To remember back at the many accomplishments that we had and unfortunately this year some very hard losses. We began last year with introducing everyone to our new Grange Portal. During the past year, we have all started using it and the portal has become a very important tool for timely communication to all of our members, volunteers and Board. It is also a wonderful tool for archiving information on the many projects that have been undertaken. We are working on doing a regular email newsletter so that we keep engagement up with our many constituents. If you have not signed up to receive our newsletter please do so - we promise not to send too many! We also have wifi that runs through the house, carriage house and extends to some of the outside areas.

As I was preparing this message, I wrote down all the permanent and ad hoc committees we have at the Grange and to my surprise the number came to 18! So as they say in The Sound of Music, let's start at the very beginning... Bees have had a very productive year with moving to their new permanent home, getting a dedicated shed for all their supplies and the bees are continuing to make honey. Look for a honey extraction sometime in August. Book Club has had another successful year of reading and growing its number of attendees. Buildings and Grounds has had a busy year of formulating maintenance plans and keeping the grounds safe from falling trees. We unfortunately lost our prized Cooper Beech this year. Some branches were saved and will find a new life as Halloween decor, more on that later. I am pleased to tell you that we now have an events chair, Sandy Olsavsky. We are looking forward to planning fun activities in the coming year. In the past

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year, we held a successful tea party and will be hosting another one this month on May 18th. We still have a few tickets left, so be sure you get them before they sell out. Partnering with the Vintage Shop we hosted three very successful sip and shops. Our Fall Fest was well attended and we had a contest to name a delightful addition to our holiday decor, a white horse courtesy of a generous donation from Saks Fifth Avenue. The winning name was Marshmallow and fits the horse perfectly. During the holiday season we had our most successful WinterFest along with record number of visitors into the trains and mansion. We are planning a spooktacular Halloween party on October 18th, so look for more details to come. Gardens are next and we have been working with a Landscape Designer to bring the gardens back to their former glory. We are working to organize our archives so that we can fully understand our history and how it relates to Haverford Township and Delaware County. I have been asked to join America 250 Haverford Township to work with other organizations within in the township in planning events and activities to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday. House and Hospitality are under the meticulous care of Debbie Cipolla who adds her touch to make all of endeavors special. We have our membership committee and we also have a membership evaluation committee which will be meeting shortly to find creative ways to grow our numbers. We are looking for a chairperson to work with our programs and publicity committee. We are currently looking to expand our presence in all areas of social media along with print advertising and other venues to get the word out about the Grange. We are finalizing our dialogue that we can give to new tour guides. This has been quite the undertaking and I would like to thank Jeannine Rastatter for all of her efforts completing this project. What can I say about trains - they continue to amaze young and old alike. Now we come to the Vintage Shop. Last year Kathy and Jeff Hammond met with us about volunteering at the Grange. Because of the unique background in merchandising and sales the shop seemed a natural place for their talents. I always had a vision of what the shop could be and Kathy and Jeff surpassed any ideas or dreams I ever had! They came into the shop and totally changed it to a destination shopping experience. The vintage items we have are breathtaking and the way they have designed the displays and layout are simply spectacular. We have seen success in the changes they have made with sales that have been mind blowing! Thank you Kathy and Jeff for all you do for the Grange. It is appreciated more than you will ever know! We have also been working with adhoc committees to develop an advertising strategy in terms of branding the Grange, this committee is also working on upgrading our website. We will have more on these groups as our work progresses. Two other adhoc committees are the Maintenance Plan working group and Train layout quiet hour. The maintenance group is trying to compile a comprehensive list of all things that need to be done to the buildings on the Grange. Hopefully the list won't be longer than a few hundred pages! The Quiet time at the trains is to come up with a strategy to allow children and adults that are on the

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spectrum a time that they can enjoy the holiday layout with all the people and noises that can upset them. And last but not least is Volunteers. We need volunteers. Only have a couple hours a week, no problem we can find something for you to do. Have a friend that you think may enjoy helping us out, great bring them along the next time you come to volunteer. We graciously accept all help and are immensely grateful for the wonderful volunteers who currently work so diligently for the Grange.

As I mentioned in the introduction we had many great moments in this past year and many unbelievable sad moments. We lost three beloved members of our Grange family this year. Rita DeSimone was an active member for many years. She gave up her position with the Grange to travel and eventually settle with her daughter in West Chester. A few years ago we honored Rita on her 100th birthday. Rita was close to 105 when she passed and her legacy at the Grange will be long lived. Our second lost was of our beloved Bev Costner. Bev and her crafting ladies were in charge of the Shop for close to 47 years. They started the shop in one of the bedrooms and eventually moved it to where it is currently. Bev was fiercely protective of the shop and all of the wonderful crafts that were displayed in it. Bev passed earlier this year at the age of 98. We will remember her every time we go into the shop. And finally maybe the most difficult is the passing of Cathy DiGirolamo. Cathy passed away suddenly in October and her loss has been felt everyday since. Cathy was our secretary and biggest cheerleader. She was supportive of our efforts. Always had a smile on her face and words of encouragement to share. Her loss is felt at every meeting and event we have - she will always remain a special person in the history of the Grange.

So that is our year in review, - I'm exhausted! But in conclusion we need volunteers in all levels of involvement from board members to Gardners to silver polishers to Secretary. We need you all to spread the word that the Grange is a vibrant part of our community with fun events and cool history. And next year we will be looking for a full slate of officers to take over and continue the Grange on its journey.

It is my pleasure to now introduce our guest speaker, Steven Goodman who will do a presentation on the history of Haverford Preserve.

Committee Report Bees

Our Honeybees are very active, the queen is laying and the workers are producing honey!

We have purchased 2 new colonies from the Exton Bee Company in Chester County. On April 19th we picked them up and installed them in our bee yard. We now have 4 hives.

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Committee Report Buildings and Grounds

New lampposts have arrived. Carriage House coupala repair and paint is scheduled to start on May 5th

Copper beech has been removed. We are restoring the South garden to the early plans we have. I would like to have input on location of new benches. We are looking into purchasing 8 at this time.

Ongoing Business

Implementing 2025-00016 Tours and Grange Vintage Shop 2025

Waiting for Event 2025-00026 Holiday Season 2025

Implementing 2025-00032 Spring Cleanup 2025

Implementing 2025-00063 Book Club April Meeting

Implementing 2025-00067 Grange Web Site Working Group Meeting

Implementing 2025-00068 Advertising Working Group Meeting

Implementing 2025-00069 Spring Sip and Shop

Completed Business

Completed 2024-00128 March 2025 BOM Meeting

Canceled Request 2025-00015 Grange Memorial Celebration 2025

Completed 2025-00057 St. James Sunrise Easter Sunday Service