**Village Connections**

**Board Meeting**

**Thursday, June 24, 2021**

**6 PM**

**German Village Society Meeting Haus Scheurer Room**

President Kim Cowie called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Members Present:** Edna Menke, Betty Garrett, Jim Plunkett, Brenda Gischel, Ed Elberfeld, Kim Cowie, Bill Curlis, and Carolyn Workman. A quorum was present.

**Attending:** Donald Wiggins, Executive Director, Jillian Davis, AmeriCorps VISTA Partner, and Jim Cowie.

***Approval of April 2021 Minutes***

Kim Cowie, President, presented the minutes of April 22, 2021.

President Cowie reported that Edna Menke will remain on the Board, but she will no longer be serving as secretary, and that Bill Curlis will be serving as acting secretary. Jillian Davis will assist the Secretary as recording secretary.

**MOTION: To a**pprove the minutes of the April Board of Trustees meeting as amended.

[Gischel, Elberfeld]

Motion approved.

***June 2021 Financial Reports***

Jim Plunkett presented the financial report for June 2021. He reported that Village Connections is in good financial shape.

Jim reported that the cost of the “Cabaret E” party was around $3,500. The board discussed spending rules, noting that the board needs to approve spending over $400.

It was decided to table the discussion of putting together a budget for the balance of the year of what we know we’re going to spend until the Events Committee Chair is back. The Events Committee will put together a budget to bring to the next Board Meeting.

**MOTION**: To approve the financial report for June 2021 for audit.

[Curlis, Gischel]

Motion approved.

Jim Plunkett noted that last year our liquid assets were at $80,000 and we’re now at $140,000.

**Election of Board Members to terms ending June 30, 2024**

**Candidates for election to the Board of Trustees were nominated at the April 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees.**

**MOTION: To close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the election**

**of:** Kim Cowie, Betty Garrett, Edna Menke, and Carolyn Workman

to the Board of Trustees for a full three year term ending June 30,

2024. [Curlis, Plunkett]

Motion approved.

MOTION: To elect the following candidates as officers of the Board of Trustees for their respective offices and terms:

Kim Cowie, President – term ending June 30, 2022.

Betty Garret, Vice President – term ending June 30, 2022.

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer – term ending June 30, 2022.

Bill Curlis, Secretary – term ending June 30, 2022.

[Menke, Gischel]

Motion approved.

**Committee Reports:**

***Marketing Committee Report***

Edna Menke reports that the Marketing Committee is meeting once a month with their primary focus being on the Impact Report. Donald Wiggins confirmed that the target date for the Impact Report to be in print is September.

Kim Cowie, President, asks that the Marketing Committee create a budget to present.

***Membership Committee Report***

Ed Elberfeld reports that he is filming testimonials for promotional purposes. The possibility of screening one or more of the testimonials at the September party was mentioned. Ed is also putting together a video to share with our County Grants Administrator Nancy Male, which she will present to the county commissioner.

**MOTION: To authorize the Treasurer to move $25,000 from the operating fund of**

**Village Connections to the building fund held in the stock market portfolio. [Garrett, Curlis]**

Motion approved.

***Services Committee Report***

National Church Residences interest in partnering with the Village Movement was discussed. Kim Cowie notes that they are able to pick up home health care/medical resources while we focus on transportation/social opportunities. VC is able to empower members to stay home while providing appropriate support through the lens of our mission. (Working with FCOA, COAAA, etc. in addition to National Church Residences)

***President’s Report***

Kim Cowie noted there is now no income requirement for benefit workers to come to your house (at no cost) to tell ~~you~~  if there are benefits to which the applicant is entitled.

The ADL policy will be sent to board members for their reference and will be discussed and distributed to volunteers after the next Services meeting.

***Executive Director’s Report***

Donald Wiggins reports that everyone should receive Give65 postcards in mail this week. The fundraising goal is $25,000 and he has already secured $10,000. He anticipates an increase in donations due to stewardship efforts at Cabaret E. He also reported that AmeriCorps is having hiring difficulties nationwide, and the VISTA start date has been pushed back to accommodate this.

***VISTA Report***

Jillian Davis reports that all activities are back in full swing and board members are welcome to attend. She also shared social media sample posts for the Give65 campaign and a new cost comparison chart for Village Connections services. She reported that 60% of service receiving members attended Club E and around 40% attended the Frank Fetch Picnic.

Kim Cowie noted that the W Nail Bar would be interested in sponsoring a brunch or luncheon. Heather is the manager.

***Old Business –*** None

***New Business –*** None

**Adjournment**

The business of the June 24, 2021, meeting of Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William Curlis, Secretary

Attest: Kim Cowie, President

Jillian Davis, Recording Secretary