

**Village Connections
Board Meeting
April 22, 2021
6 PM
German Village Society Meeting Haus**

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

Members Present: Jim Plunkett, Kim Cowie, Ed Elberfeld, Brenda Gischel, Edna Menke, Betty Garrett, Fran Schneider, Ken Hunger, Bill Curlis, and Pam Albrecht. A quorum was present.

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

Approval of February 2021 Minutes

Kim Cowie, President, presented the minutes of February 18th, 2021.

MOTION: Approve the February Board Meeting.
Motion approved.
(Brenda Gischel, Ken Hunger)

Approval of April 2021 Financial Report

Jim Plunkett presented the financial report for April 2021 that has a cash balance of \$92,303.50, with our liquid assets totaling \$142,886.24. Jim noted that the City of Columbus Human Services Grant (\$15,000) is being renewed for 2021.

MOTION: Approve the financial report for April 2021.
Motion approved.
(Bill Curlis, Brenda Gischel)

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee Report

Edna Menke reported that the Marketing Committee has begun working on the 2021 Impact Report, with the first Marketing Meeting of 2021 occurring on April 13th.

Membership Committee Report

Ed Elberfeld has a new policy to bring to motion. Jim Cowie made an addendum.

MOTION: Approve the new policy with the addendum.
Motion approved.
(Bill Curlis, Fran Schneider)

Ed reports we now have nearly 250 members. The bulk are social members. There are 38 service-receiving members.

Service Committee Report

Kim reports that Walking Club has remained popular and Tai Chi has restarted. Brunches will resume in May. Lunches will resume in June with a picnic lunch on June 22nd. Social hours will resume in July, pending county guidelines.

Nominating Committee Report

Bill Curlis reports that the annual board meeting is coming up. The board will be asked to vote on the following names for re-election: Kim Cowie, Betty Garrett, Edna Menke, and Carolyn Workman. The following officers have been nominated for election: Kim Cowie, President, Betty Garrett, Vice President, Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, and Bill Curlis, Secretary. Bill reported that Edna Menke is retiring from her position of secretary but will remain on the board.

Events Committee Report

Ken Hunger reports that the first Village Connections function of the year will be on June 15th at the Elberfeld's home. Another event will take place on September 25th. Ken is looking into an event with Tiki Botanicals in the summer.

President's Report:

Kim turned it over to Donald.

Executive Director's Report

Donald reports that we will be taking part in the GIVE65 campaign in July again this year. He also reported that Village Connections will be hiring a full-time Service & Communications Manager. There has been no new information on the VISTA program from the CRC.

VISTA Report

Jillian reported that Village Connections participated in virtual events with At Home By High and a Village in Cleveland. Surveys from NxGen were sent out by email and snail mail to members and volunteers on April 6th. Responses were due April 20th. 20 volunteers and 13 members responded.

Old Business:

None

New Business

On Saturday, May 1st, the board will meet at the Meeting Haus from 9 AM - 2 PM to form a new Strategic Outcome & Verifying Milestones 5-year plan. Coffee and lunch will be provided. Jim Cowie has requested that Jillian ask NxGen for any input they may have on recruitment to be discussed at the meeting.

The annual board meeting will be on June 24th at 6 PM.

Adjournment

The business of Village Connections having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Motion approved.

(Bill Curlis, Brenda Gischel)

Respectfully Submitted,
Jillian Davis

Attest: Edna Menke