

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday April 30, 2020
6 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Welcome and Updates

The virtual meeting of the Village Connections Board was called to order by President Kim Cowie at 6:00 pm. Betty Garrett was thanked for coordinating the Zoom meeting with assistance from Donald and Alex.

Members present: Pam Albrecht, Kim Cowie, Bill Curlis, Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett, Brenda Gischel, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Fran Schneider, T.J. Moore, and Carolyn Workman. A quorum was present.

Attending: Donald Wiggins, Executive Director and Alex Blankenship staff member through the American Corps Vista Program, Ken Hunger who is a prospective Board Member.

Approval of February 27, 2020 Minutes

The President, Kim, presented the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting. There were two corrections to the minutes that were where the membership committee met at Bake Me Happy rather than Make Me Happy in Merion Village. The other correction pertained to the salary for the person who would pilot in the summer the Transportation Service Coordinator that would be paid \$15 an hour for working 15 hours per week from June 1 to August 31, 2020.

MOTION: Approve the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting minutes with the two corrections.
Motion approved
[Kim Cowie, Betty Garrett]

Financial Report for April 30, 2020

Jim presented the financial report that have a balance of \$32,291.96 in the Fast Track Checking account. In the two other accounts that are the Huntington Premier Plus \$50,043.04 and in the Business Premier Savings \$11,945.64 for a total of \$61,988.68. The total monies in the Huntington Bank are \$94,280.64. Also have a Voice Business Credit Card with available credit of \$5,000.00 with a current balance of \$0.00

MOTION: Approve the financial report for April 30, 2020.
Motion approved
[Bill Curlis, Ed Elberfeld]

Committee Reports:

Marketing Committee Report

Edna reported that the Marketing Committee has not met. Some changes have been made to the draft of the Village Connections brochure. The next steps are to develop which format will be used and what pictures will be used. The members want to have virtual meetings. Also need to begin working on the Impact Report 2020.

Membership Committee Report

Ed reported that have over 240 members that are mostly social members and an increase in business members. The committee met on March 6 at the Bake Me Happy in Merion Village. Alex indicated that 44 members/households are receiving services and have 76 volunteers.

Services Committee Report

Kim reported that the March 8th Teresa and Richard luncheon went well. They enjoyed the luncheon.

Some of the members are making weekly friendly check ins with members to determine if they need anything or just have the opportunity to talk with each other.

President's Report

Kim reported that the Ad hoc Transportation Committee developed a job description for someone to do a summer pilot of a Transportation Service Coordinator. She indicated that has someone who is willing to do the summer pilot. Donald, Alex, and Kim are developing a one-year grant if the pilot works out before August. The grant would be developed for a Federal or Match Grant to obtain monies for a Transportation Service Coordinator that would be for \$30,000 and 25 percent match for person's salary benefits.

Executive Director's Report

Donald provided a copy of his report to all the Board members. He is planning to contact several individuals who have been donors in the past but have not given the last several years. The goal is to have them re-commit to making donations to help us move forward in our mission. In addition, he sent out 140 notes to constituents to thank for being such great neighbors since the Stay at Home was placed on everyone since the COVID 19 pandemic. In addition, he indicated that none of our usual ways to raise money are not feasible this year except monies from social membership. Want to have an ad hoc committee to develop a plan to obtain monies. Two suggestions Donald had is to participate in the Big Give through the

Columbus Foundation June 10-11 and with the Home Instead Care Foundation July 15-17. Everyone was in agreement with these ideas. The major emphasis would be on the July 15-17 event.

In the process of recruiting a new VISTA Partner Intern as Alex's term ends soon.

Old Business

Bill Curlis is in the process of developing the ballot for the election of officers and board members for the 2020 -2021 year. The election will be held at our June 25 meeting that will be held at the German Village Meeting Haus.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The business of the Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.
MOTION was approved.
[Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett]

Respectfully submitted
Edna M Menke

Attest:
Kimberly Cowie