

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday January 24, 2019
6 pm
German Village Meeting Haus

Welcome and Updates

The meeting of the Village Connections Board was called to order by President Kim Cowie at 6:00 pm at German Village Meeting Haus, 588 South Third Street, pursuant to a call of the meeting.

Members present: Bill Curlis, Kim Cowie, Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Jim Nichols, and Meg Teaford. A quorum was present.

Attending: Donald Wiggins, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2018

The President, Kim, presented the minutes of the October 25, 2018 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the October 25, 2018 minutes of the Board Meeting.

Motion approved

[Elberfeld, Curlis]

Financial Report for Year Ending 2018 and Budget 2019

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported that had a balance of \$46,794.09 in the checking account and \$6,446.21 in restricted funds for a total of 53,235.30.

MOTION: Approve the financial report for Year Ending 2018.

Motion approved.

[Garrett, Elberfeld]

Proposed Budget for 2009

Jim Plunkett presented the proposed budget for 2019. There was discussion of the budget in terms of monies had received from member dues, monies from the Franklin County Office on Aging (FCOA) \$33,522, City of Columbus \$10, 000, and other projected funding from annual appeal and other events such as the Beach Party BBQ and Village Valuables. Betty suggested that we have some long term goals in having some of the monies put in an Operation Reserve.

MOTION: Approve the proposed budget for 2019.

Motion approved.

[Ed, Meg]

Committee Reports

Marketing

The marketing committee met on January 15. Edna is the new chair and Kim and Jeanne Trantor are continuing on the committee. In addition Kim recruited Pam Albrecht and Mike Warner that have a great deal of experience with websites, computers, and design skills. Donald Wiggins also attended the meeting. Some of the things that the committee plans to work on is making the Village Connections website more user friendly in terms of accessing information when login into the website, paying dues, as well as registering and purchasing tickets for events. In addition working on developing marketing materials such as advertisements for events, annual newsletters, and door hangars. The committee plans on meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be March 12.

Membership

Ed reported that the number of members this past year has increased by 50 percent as now have 121 members. The increase has been due to the increase in number of social members since can join at \$125 per year as an option beginning is December 2017. Most of the social members have renewed their memberships and those who have not are being contacted by one of the members of the membership committee. Ed has developed a list of current members in terms of

when need to renew their memberships and if a regular or social member. Also can now renew on the Website. The committee has been meeting each month and is working on ways to recruit new members.

Services

The services committee met on January 19. Kim reported that the new Verified Volunteers Vetting process is working well and have recruited three new vetted committee members. The committee is working on ways to increase volunteer involvement. A working plan is in place for snow removal. Upcoming events are in place for January thru April, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18.

Fundraising

Betty reported that to date \$14,859 was raised from the annual appeal. Thank you letters are in the process of being sent to those who contributed. The Beach Party BBQ is February 23. The goal is to sell 100 tickets. Ed is doing the decorations. Food and drinks have been ordered. A tree with gift cards will be used to raise some monies. Village Valuables will be the next event to raise monies.

MOTION: Betty made a motion that 5000 dollars from the restricted operations monies be put in Operation Reserve.

Motion approved.

[Curlis, Elberfeld]

President's Report

Kim reported that waiting on hearing if the collaborative grant that was submitted by Village Connections, Home by High, Village in the Ville, and Hilltop's Village. If the grant is funded it would be for two years.

On Saturday, April 6, from 9 am to 12 noon, we will have a retreat at the German Village Meeting Haus. The focus is to review the Strategic Plan that was developed in 2017 known as Strategic Outcome Causative & Verifying Milestones.

At our April 25 meeting will be reviewing the slate developed by the Nomination Committee.

Executive Director

This was Donald Wiggins first meeting with most of the Board members. He told the group that glad he was chosen to be the Executive Director. He shared with the group some of the meetings that he has scheduled in his new position.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The business of the Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Motion was approved.

[Garrett, Elberfeld]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Kimberly Cowie