

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday November 30, 2017
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, Brenda Gischel, Paula Harer, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Frances Schneider, and Meg Teaford. A quorum was present.

Attending: Kristen Schweitzer, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2017

The President, Kim, presented the minutes of the October 30, 2017 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the October 30, 2017 minutes of the Board Meeting with the correction of the date for spending \$2000 of the Columbus City 2017 grant.

Motion approved.

[Teaford, Plunkett]

Financial Reports for November 2017 and 2018 Budget

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported that on November 30, 2017 had a balance of \$34,755.20 in the checking accounts and \$11,910.87 in restricted funds for a total of \$ 46,660.07

MOTION: approve the financial report for November 2017.

Motion approved.

[Gischel, Curlis]

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2018. The budget was developed by Jim, Kristen, Kim, and Betty. There was some discussion regarding the budget.

MOTION: Approve the proposed budget for 2018

Motion approved.

{Gischel, Curlis}

Committee reports:

Marketing Committee Report

Paula reported that the marketing committee met on November 21, 2017. A small brochure was developed by Kristen and Paula to provide to potential members information regarding Village Connections at the Lindsey's Holiday Reception on December 9, 2017. Kim and Ken have developed a short power point presentation for the event. Plan to develop a short newsletter regarding Village Connections activities that can be shared with DRAC, Marion Village, and Schumacher.

Beginning in 2018 the committee plans to focus on engagement and planning social activities for members. The next meeting of the committee will be in February 2018.

Membership Committee Report

Ed reported that the membership committee has been busy with recruiting new members. Kristen indicated that the grants from City Council and offering social memberships with the annual appeal have been very effective. The goal per the Franklin County Office on Aging grant is 75 members in 2018. Currently we have 63 members.

The membership activity at the Lindsey's Reception on December 9 expenses are being covered from sponsors and the \$800 that had budgeted for a second postcard. Kenneth Hunt is the chair and Kim is the co-chair for this event.

Services Committee Report

The service committee will be meeting on December 11, 2017. The committee has been busy with recruitment of new volunteers who are able to provide transportation to members. The committee members and some volunteers will be distributing ice melt with a VC sticker to members soon.

Events have been scheduled for December and January. On January 19 there will have a post-holiday potluck lunch at German Village Haus for members and volunteers.

Fundraising Committee Report

The fundraising committee is meeting on December 14, 2018. An event subcommittee has been formed. An event fund raiser is being developed for February 24 at the German Village Haus.

The annual appeal letter was sent out to potential donors early in November. So far the monies that have been received from the donor who will match funds (\$5,000) and \$1,700 from other donors. More individuals are paying \$125 to become a member rather than donating directly to the annual appeal this year.

Executive Director's Report

Kristen distributed a copy of her November report to the Board members. She reported that the Age-Friendly Press Conference on November 28 was well attended and the video of VC member Karen Peters was a hit. The At Home by High serving the Short North and surrounding neighborhoods is up and running.

On December 28, we will get news on our Franklin County Office on Aging Grant (\$32,736 for 2018).

Policy Committee Report

Meg presented the latest draft of the November 2017 Village Connections Employee Manual. The other members of the committee are Jim Nichols and Edna. There was a great deal of discussion pertaining to the internet, e-mail and computer policy related to personal use or gain and employee making negative comments

about Village Connections. There was some question regarding conflict of interest and we do have a policy that includes an annual conflict of interest form. Other comments were made that pertained to editing some sentences in the document.

A revised draft will be presented at the December meeting.

President's Report

Kim presented the idea of the Board not meeting every month in 2018. She suggested that we meet every other month. The first meeting would be in February. There was some discussion of this idea in terms of which months and how fits with our committee meetings and having printed committee reports.

Old Business

None

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.

[Plunkett, Elberfeld]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Kimberly Cowie