

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday July 27, 2017
6 pm
German Village Meeting Haus

Welcome and Updates

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

Members present: Bill Curlis, Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett, Brenda Gischel, Paula Harer, Edna Menke, James Nichols, Jim Plunkett, and Meg Teafor. A quorum was present.

Attending: Kristen Schweitzer, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2017 meeting

The Vice President, Betty, presented the minutes of the June 29, 2017 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the corrected Minutes for June 29, 2017.

Motion approved.

[Curlis, Elberfeld]

Financial Reports for June and July 2017

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported had a balance of \$44,077.63 in the checking accounts and \$15,061 in restricted funds for a total of \$59,138.94. Jim reported that had received the \$10,000 from the Columbus City Council geared to reduced membership fees for recruitment of members.

MOTION: approve the financial report for July 2017.

Motion approved.

[Gischel, Nichols]

There was a discussion regarding if a member dies should membership dues be returned to a family member. The group decided that a policy should be drafted by the group that Meg is chairing to review the existing Village Connection policies.

Marketing and Membership Committee Report

Ed reported that the committee met on July 14 regarding splitting into two committees, a Marketing Committee and a Membership Committee. The members present were Dwight, Ed, Edna, Frances, Kristen, Paula, and Kim. The group was in agreement to become two separate committees. Paula agreed to chair the Marketing Committee with Dwight and Edna being members. In addition, Kim had contacted Jennie Tranter to invite her to join this committee as has a background in marketing. The Membership Committee will be chaired by Ed with Frances being on the committee as well as recruiting additional members.

There was some discussion of the Connection Fest in terms of invitations to members, potential members, and donors as well as advertising the event as part of the membership drive through a direct mailing, a booth at the Merion Village Festival on September 10, and the Pedi cab. The Connection Fest is being sponsored and held at the home of Barbara and Ed Elberfeld on September 30 from 4 to 8 pm.

Services Committee Report

The committee did not meet this month. Social activities are planned for August and September. Some of the activities include Happy Hour at Land Grant Brewery with brewery tours on August 16, Fetch Park Concert on August 20, lunch at Dan's Drive Inn on September 13, and the Connection Fest on September 30.

Fundraising Committee Report

The committee did not meet this month. The committee will meet in August. Betty reported that she had attended the Huntington Seeds of Growth event that was helpful in regards to courting donors. There were approximately 300 people at the event. Meg announced that the Village Connections annual report was completed and will be sent out to members, donors, and potential donors.

President's Report

Betty read Kim's report regarding activities accomplished this month. Jim Plunkett and Kim on July 13 moved our accounts to Huntington National Bank that is saving some monies in fees. All service requests have been filled through August 4, 2017. Kristen started on July 24 receiving all telephone requests and will be back to work officially on August 1, 2017.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The business of the Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Motion was approved.

[Gischel, Curlis]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Betty Garrett