

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday June 29, 2017
6 pm
German Village Meeting Haus

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

Members present: Kim Cowie, Bill Curlis, Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett, Dwight Garner, Brenda Gischel, Paula Harer, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Frances Schneider, Crystal Seamon, and Meg Teaforde. A quorum was present.

Attending: Kristen Schweitzer, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes of May 25, 2017 meeting

The President, Meg, presented the minutes of the May 25, 2017 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting May 25, 2017.

Motion approved.

[Curlis, Plunkett]

Annual Meeting for Election of Officers for 2017-2018

Bill Curlis, Chair of Nomination Committee placed in nomination for the office of Director of Village Connections the names of William Curlis and Ed Elberfeld for a term ending June 30, 2018.

Motion approved for these nominees

[Gardner, Menke]

Bill Curlis placed in nomination the names of the following individuals for their respective office with terms ending June 30, 2018: Kimberly Cowie, President; Betty Garrett, Vice President; Edna Menke, Secretary; and Jim Plunkett, Treasurer.

Motion approved for these respective offices

[Curlis, Teaforde]

Meg Teafora was commended for her work as President for the past two years. Crystal Seamon was commended for her service on the Board the last three years; particularly with her innovative work on the Service Committee. She is planning to continue as a member of the Service Committee.

Financial Report for June 2017

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported had a balance of \$40,390 in the checking account and \$ 5,060 restricted funds for a total of \$45,450. This includes the \$3,000 that received from the Davis Grant in June.

MOTION: approve the financial report for June 2017.

Motion approved.

[Plunkett, Curlis]

Jim reported that the 2016 audit report still has not been received. He is supposed to receive the report on July 7. Jim is looking for an alternative auditor to hire for this year. There was some discussion including that the German Village Society also is exploring a new auditor and perhaps could work together to use the same one.

There was some discussion when would receive the \$10, 000 Village Connections from the Columbus City Council that was awarded from the grant submitted by Kristen. She indicated that probably would receive the monies late July or early August. The grant is geared to membership activities that would result in more members. Some of the monies will be used to increasing memberships by subsidizing new m members and previous members who have not been a member for the last two years.

Meg recommended that authorize the Treasurer to close our accounts at Chase National Bank and open bank accounts at Huntington National Bank. The rationale for this change is the Huntington Bank does fund some organizations in the community. If we wanted to seek funding it would be important to be using their bank. After some discussion a motion was made.

MOTION: Close the existing bank accounts at Chase National Bank and open bank accounts at Huntington National Bank.

Motion: Approved

[Teaford, Curlis]

The changes in the bank accounts will be accomplished by Jim and Kim early in July.

Executive Committee Report

Meg reported that the Executive Committee had met on June 8, 2017. The Executive Committee as a follow up to the May Board meeting made a decision that would not continue to have the Derby Day as unable to make sufficient funds from the event. The Fundraising Committee is being asked to come up with a revised fundraising plan for the remainder of 2017 and for 2018.

A September membership event will be held on September 20 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Barb and Ed Elberfeld' home for a membership drive. The event is being called the Connection Fest for members, prospective members, and others interested in learning more about Village Connections. Some of the monies from the grant from City Council will be used. Ed is paying for the food, drinks, and band for the event.

Meg and Ed are going to write an Annual Report that will be sent to donors and Members.

Marketing and Membership Committee Report

The Marketing and Membership Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 9:15 am at Stauf's. Kim will be attending the meeting as planning to become two separate committees.

Services Committee Report

The Service Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24 at 2:00 pm. The events for August have been scheduled. At the meeting plan to develop some new service opportunities to offer to members. Kim reported that the volunteers have been able to meet the service requests of members. Most of the requests were related to transportation.

Fundraising Committee Report

The Fundraising Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21. The members will work on developing a revised fundraising plan for the remainder of 2017 and 2018.

President's Report

Meg reported that she will be meeting with Jim Nichols and Edna to work on updating and making revisions in the policies of Village Connections. It has been two years since reviewed the policies. Her goal is to have the revisions by the end of August.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The business of the Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Motion was approved.

[Curlis, Plunkett]]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Meg Teafor