

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday April 27, 2017
6:00 PM
German Village Meeting Haus
588 South Third Street

The meeting of the Village Connections Board was called to order by President Margaret 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, Paula Harer, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Frances Schneider, Crystal Seamon, Meg Teaforde, and Carolyn Workman. A quorum was present.

Attending: Kristen Schweitzer, Executive Director

Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2017 meeting

The President, Meg Teaforde, presented the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting March 30, 2017.

Motion approved.

[Curlis, Cowie]

Financial Report for April 2017

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported had a balance of \$ 39, 702 in the checking account and \$2,727 restricted funds for a total of \$42,489.

MOTION: Approve the financial report for April 2017.

Motion approved.

[Curlis, Cowie]

Jim reported that the audit is still in process. Also the federal tax return is in process.

Meg reported that she will meet with James Nichols regarding the Davis Foundation, how the monies were spent, and how can apply for more funds.

There was a discussion how can increase the visibility of Village Connections with the Columbus Foundation.

Marketing Committee Report

Ed Elberfeld reported that the Marketing Committee had met. The first card that the first card to be sent by direct mail is almost ready to go. Also working on additional cards. There was some discussion of the Strategic Plan in terms of the marketing committee in meeting the outcomes of membership, focus groups, and rebranding. A membership drive will be held in September. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for May 5, 2017.

Services Committee Report

Kim Cowie reported that several requests have been made for spring yard clean up. Volunteers have completed these requests as well as one request for indoor spring cleaning. Transportation continues to be the most requested service by members.

The Volunteer Appreciation event at the Elberfeld's was well attended. Thanks to Ed and Barb for hosting the event.

Fundraising Committee Report

Most of the meeting focused on the Derby Day. Kristen and Kim reported on progress with the 2017 Derby Day that is our major fundraiser. As of this evening 66 tickets have been sold and still need more gift cards. Everyone was encouraged to sell more tickets. Some of the planned activities are two derby themed games, wagers for the race, raffles, a photo shoot, a hat contest, as well as music by the band. Kristen indicated that the liquor license for the event has been obtained. 76Village Connections will participate in the Village Valuables sale on May 20 at Kim Cowie's home. Quite a few donations of items have been received. A request for some Board members and volunteers to assist with the event for one or more hours.

Executive Director's Report

Kristen reported that of April 27, there are 48 members that includes two new members. Thirty four individuals are eligible to receive volunteer services. Upcoming events are planned for May. A copy of Kristen's report had been emailed to the Board members prior to the meeting.

Also plans are in place for Board members and volunteers to carry out the activities and services needed while Kristen is on maternity leave beginning May 23.

President's Report

Meg reminded the Village Connection Committees to continue working on how can implement the strategic outcomes that were developed at the Board Retreat.

Meg thanked Ed and Barb for hosting the Volunteer Appreciation at their home on April 21. Over 30 individuals attended the event.

On behalf of the Board members, Meg presented Kristen with a gift card for the new baby that is expected this month.

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, Cowie]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Margaret Teafor