

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday August 15, 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: Kim Cowie, Ed Elberfeld, Betty Garrett, Brenda Gischel, Edna Menke, and Jim Plunkett. A quorum was present.

Attending: Donald Wiggins, Executive Director and Alex Blankenship staff member through the American Corps Vista Program.

Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2019

The President, Kim, presented the minutes of the June 27, 2019 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the June 27, 2019 minutes of the Board Meeting.

Motion approved

[Elberfeld, Gischel]

Financial Report for August 15, 2019

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported that had a balance of \$ 40,415.26 in the checking account and \$ 17,319.63 in restricted funds for a total of \$57,734. 89.

MOTION: Approve the financial report for August 15, 2019.

Motion approved.

[Elberfeld, Gischel]

There was a discussion regarding development of the budget for 2019-2020 with a different approach. This year each of the standing committees is being asked to develop a projected yearly budget of monies needed.

Committee reports:

Marketing Committee Report

The committee met on July 9 and August 6 to work on the Impact Report 2019. Edna Menke is the chair of the committee and the other members are Donald Wiggins, Alex Blankenship, Kim Cowie, Michael Warner, Pam Albrecht, and Jeannie Tranter. After the first meeting Michael developed a new map for the area that Village Connections serves that was used in developing the report. Early in the development of the report Donald, Alex, and Pam met with the printer. During both of the committee meetings we decided on the organization and format of the report. Everyone participated in the development and the various drafts of the report. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29 to work on finalizing the report so can be printed.

Membership Committee Report

The committee met on August 9. Ed Elberfeld is the chair of the committee and the other members are Donald Wiggins, Alex Blankenship, Kim Cowie, Edna Menke, and Fran Schneider. Ed reported that now have 153 total members that is an increase of 12 members since last month. The committee is focusing on increasing membership in Merion Village and Fran will develop a list of individuals to contact in the first several streets south of Thurman. Donald is contacting businesses and corporations to join Village Connections as social members for \$125 or more. The Winter Party will be held at Ed and Barb's home on December 14 from 6 to 9 pm.

Services Committee Report

Kim reported that the committee did not meet as committee members were on vacation or unavailable. Kim and Alex had an outreach lunch and learn that 15 people attended. Activities are scheduled for August, September, and October. Also 250 door hangers were hung in the Merion Village area for the Merion Village Festival that is on September 8.

Finance Committee

The finance committee did not meet.

President's Report

Kim reported that a strategic plan has been developed by the Fund Raising Committee by Betty, Donald, Pam, and herself. The focus is on Columbus Foundation and other sources for grant funding or donations.

On October 2 from 5-7pm will be a member's only candle making activity at Tiki Botanicals. On February 22, 2020 there will be a members only Tiki Party at the German Village Haus.

Also Kim provided an update on the retreat that the Board had regarding the Strategic Outcomes Causative & Verifying Milestones and the progress that has been made for the 2018-2019 year and what has been or being accomplished for the 2019-2020 year. She also stated that there would be a board retreat on October 12 to update the Strategic Outcomes Causative & Verifying Milestones.

Executive Director's Report

Donald shared with some of the things that he has been doing the past couple of months. He has been orienting Alex Blankenship who is now a staff member through the American Corps Vista Program. As a staff member he is working with most of the committees and responsible for the web newsletters and emails

Donald addressed some of the statistics that the organization is moving forward in very healthy directions. Continuing with updating of branding identity on the website. Also meetings he is having to share about the mission of Village Connections with businesses in German Village, Columbus Foundation and a fundraising platform called Better Together.

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.

[Gischel, Elberfeld]

Respectfully submitted

Edna M Menke

Attest:

Kimberly Cowie