

Village Connections
Board Meeting
Thursday April 25, 2019
6 pm
German Village Meeting Haus
Minutes

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, Betty Garrett, Brenda Gischel, Edna Menke, Jim Plunkett, Jim Nichols, Fran Schneider, Meg Teafor, and Carolyn Workman. A quorum was present.

Attending: Donald Wiggins, Executive Director and Mark Donati who will be elected to the Board at the June 27th meeting.

Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2019

The President, Kim, presented the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Board meeting.

MOTION: Approve the January 24, 2019 minutes of the Board Meeting.

Motion approved

[Schneider, Elberfeld]

Financial Report for April 25, 2019

Jim Plunkett, Treasurer, reported that had a balance of \$42,266.92 in the checking account and \$18,232.72 in restricted funds for a total of \$60,499.64.

MOTION: Approve the financial report for April 25, 2019.

Motion approved.

[Garrett, Curlis]

In kind donation of \$4,000 for Village Valuable Sale May 18, 2019.

Committee reports:

Marketing Committee Report

Edna reported that the committee met on March 12 and April 9 with the next meeting scheduled for May 14. Committee members have been working on website enhancements, the Catalyst Grant, social media promotion of the Vista position, and expanding on the use of other media in addition to Facebook. Advertising for the Village Valuable Sale being done by Donald and Ed.

Membership Committee Report

Ed reported that the committee met three times. At the present time have 137 members with 50 being regular members receiving services and 87 being social members. Ed has developed a list of all members that includes type of membership and date when need to renew dues. Developed drafts of letters for recruitment of new members, volunteers, and renewal of members that want to be edited by one of the members of the Marketing Committee. In addition, plan to have an event again at Moeller Park in June that increased visibility of Village Connections in Merion Village.

Services Committee Report

Kim reported on behalf of Barb, who is the service committee chair, which volunteers have been able to meet the services that regular members requested. Most of the requests continue to be for transportation. A Yard Cleanup is being planned by Ed for regular members. Social activities have been planned for May and June as well as several summer garden parties.

Fundraising Committee Report

The committee did not meet as were busy preparing for the Village Valuable Sales that is scheduled for May 18 at Barb and Ed Elberfeld's home.

Nomination Committee Report

Bill Curlis presented the nomination committee report for the Officers and Board of Directors to be re-elected or new member at the June 27 Board Meeting.

Officers

Kim Cowie	President	term ending 06-30-20
Betty Garrett	Vice President	term ending 06-30-20
Edna Menke	Secretary	term ending 06-30-20
Jim Plunkett	Treasurer	term ending 06-30-20

Board of Directors to be re-elected to the Board

Brenda Kay Gischel	term ending	06-30-22
Jim Plunkett	term ending	06-30-22
Fran Schneider	term ending	06-30-22

New member to be elected to the Board

Mark Donati	term ending	06-30-22
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Retiring Board of Directors when their term expires on 06-30-19:

Jim Nichols
Meg Teafor

President's Report

Kim reported that the Board of Directors met on Saturday, April 6, from 9 am to 12 noon for a retreat at the German Village Meeting Haus. The focus was to review the Strategic Plan that was developed in 2017 known as the Strategic Outcome Causative and Verifying Milestones. Jim Cowie was the facilitator for the retreat. Kim distributed the revised copy of the document at the meeting this evening.

Executive Director's Report

Donald provided a detailed report at the meeting regarding his first 90 days with Village Connections. He distributed copies to the Board members

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The business of the Village Connections having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made.

Motion was approved.

[Gischel, Schneider]

Respectfully submitted:

Edna M. Menke

Attest:

Kimberly Cowie