

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
March 3, 2022**

The Annual Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Fran McGarrity at 6:38 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Bill Penn, Kathy Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Chad Brooks, Bev Rorer, Scott Selkowitz, Debbie Cipolla

EXCUSED: Sue Vernon

GUEST: Evan Taddeo

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham, Bev Coster, Joe Rastatter & Jeanine Rastatter

Eagle Scout, Evan Taddeo joined our meeting and told us about his upcoming Eagle Scout project with Troop #144. He will be removing and rebuilding the pergola/arbor at the far end of the south garden. He is looking forward to learning different things and at the same time, knowing that his work will be a benefit to the Grange. His troop might need some material to complete his job but if necessary, he will go to Home Depot. He will be going to his Board next month to present his project and is expecting to begin in Spring. We will need to create a letter to his leadership, acknowledging permission to begin this project. Motion to approve the upcoming project was made by Bev Rorer, Debbie Cipolla seconded, all were in favor.

The minutes of the 2-3-2022 meeting was read and motion to approve them was made by Scott Selkowitz, seconded by Bev R., all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi stated that our operating balance is \$82,440.00, net income was \$476.00, and total funds are \$311,556.00.

The following bills need to be approved for payment:

Tim Valentine - \$795.00

Ash Tree Spraying - \$575.00

Painting: Main Line Pro Painting, LLC

CH bathroom: \$645.00 (ceiling, walls and woodwork)

CH Mud room: \$0

Ben Barnett Painting: Gift Shoppe (ceiling, walls and woodwork)
\$1610.00

Motion to approve these bills for payment was made by Kathy Parkinson, seconded by Bev R., all were in favor.

Secretary Raise: Executive Committee suggested a \$2.50 raise per hour. However, the Board agreed to a \$3.00 per hour increase, resulting in a \$18.00 hourly rate. Debbie C. moved to approve; Betty Graham seconded. All were in favor.

Lateral waste pipe: Plumbing issues resulting in repeated lateral overflow. We are now waiting to coordinate with Precision so they can put the camera down and see what is going on with the pipe. They will be shutting water off for a bit, so it may be of concern with the church and nursery school. It is hoped that this situation is rectified before the season begins.

Science Explorers: Weeks of July 11-15 (half day) and July 18-22 (full & half day) The contract has already been signed.

Traver's Vacation: The Travers will be going on vacation April 8 and will be returning on April 14, 2022.

CDBG Update: Leaning Porte Cochere wall, Farmhouse roof and handicapped walk/pad, received an email stating that the wall and roof will both run \$135,000.00 each. They did not discuss the ramp.

Pennonni Update: Roof: after examination it looks like it has some time left for a few more years, but will need to do repairs to some shingles and some gaps to prevent leaking.

Gutters: need to be cleaned and it would be a good idea to have routine schedule cleaning because of all the trees.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasures: Jeanine said that the sale is ready for the first Saturday in April, which is April 2, 2022. She is getting donations in and is looking to have some drop-offs the week before.

Book Club: February's meeting was wonderful. Enjoyed by all 16, who attended. Next book club meeting is hopefully scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday in April.

Bees: Bev Rorer noted that the last hive died. All frames have been scrubbed out. Three new nucleus hives are being purchased, which are the best ones to get. They will be delivered mid-April.

Buildings, Gardens & Grounds: Bill Penn noted that we have some plumbing issues. There also was a break in by some kids, but not much damage was done, thankfully. He is ready to start treating the front lawn.

Hospitality: Debbie C. said that the tea party is ready to go for March 20, 2022. It sold out very quickly. She also noted that the time was 1:30-4 PM, not 2-4, as previously stated.

Membership: Kathy Owsik is not here tonight.

Program/Publicity: Kathy P. said that we need to make a date for the quizzo night. It was agreed to postpone it until the schedule quiets down.

It was also discussed skipping Arbor Day this year.

Shoppe: Bev Coster noted that the shop is in the process of being painted.

Trains: Bill Parkinson is not here tonight.

Tours: Sue Vernon said that tours will take place the morning of April 2 (Attic Treasures), then will skip until April 24, 2022.

Township Representative: Scott S. talked about grants that were being given out by NBC, but found out that the requirement would be that our expenditures would be over \$100,000.00, which left us not able to qualify, but he will continue to look into possible grants that are out there.

Scott also made note of the fact that he was so impressed with the Grange, and the loyalty that everyone has shown.

Kathy P. will be sending out information regarding a fund-raising class that she would like to take, but is asking for help with the cost.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 7:50 P.M.

Next Board of Manager's Meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 2022.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 16, 2022.