

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
July 7, 2022**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson at 6:36 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Kathy Parkinson, Fran McGarrity, Bev Coster, Chad Brooks, Scott Selkowitz, Terri Dougherty, Sue Vernon, Debbie Cipolla

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Owsik, Betty Graham

**BY TELECONFERENCE:** Jim Petrokubi, Joe Rastatter, Jeanine Rastatter

The minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting were read, and the motion to approve was made by Debbie Cipolla, and Fran McGarrity seconded, all were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Petrokubi reported that we are in great shape. There was \$7400.00 plus in income this past month, being that we had additional deposits due to Nancy's absence last month, due to illness. There is \$128,587.00 in the checking account. Endowment, stocks and bonds went down. Jim asked the Board to approve his use of Quickbooks, so it would allow him to do more work remotely, and always have access to our accounts. Scott Seikowitz motioned to approve, Bill Parkinson seconded, all were in favor.

Scott S. asked if we had a budget because there are grants that we could be available for, but we now need to list a budget.

Also, President Kathy P. Asked that all receipts need to be handed in, even if we do not want to be reimbursed. We need to know exactly how much money we are spending.

CNN Filming: Doc – u- series will be filmed here at the Grange. Filming will begin on Monday, July 24, 2022, and will end on Thursday, July 28, 2022. Sixty five (65) people will be here, along with 4-5 large trucks and approximately five (5) actors.

Grounds will be closed on those days. We will post this on FB and our web site that we are closed for those days. The filming crew will return in September, but are not sure of the exact date. We are planning on closing on July 17<sup>th</sup>, in order to put things away. They will be paying \$2,000.00 a day for use of the Grange. We will need to rent a dumpster for their trash. The Doc-u-series will air in February 2023.

Sewer and sinkhole issues: Sinkhole has been filled in. Pennoni Associates, and Gans Plumbing are trying to work on a solution to this problem. Kathy P. will be following through with Dan Burman, Township Manager tomorrow to see how things are going, but as of now we still do not know what the problem is.

Victorian House Tour – in researching, it would be a great idea to put out a list for Victorian tours, just to see what is out there. Kathy P. will put together a list and see how other places present themselves for different events. President Kathy P. would also like to do a strategic plan. August is an off month, so Kathy will be reaching out during that month, to meet with all committee heads to see where they are going and what they are planning for the upcoming year. She would like The Grange to be a special place to visit all year long, not just at Christmas time. Scott S. said to go through each part of the Grange and see where we want to be in the future. It is a lot of work to address, but in the end it will all be worth it.

There will be no Board of Manager's Meeting in August 2022.

## **CHAIR REPORTS**

Attic Treasures – Jeanine R. has nothing to report.

Book Club – Jeanine R. said that next book night is Tuesday, August 9, 2022. She noted that there are two-three new people that have joined. She is up to 12 people each month. The Book Club is growing.

Bees – Bees are all doing well. Hazel has not checked in about a week. August 6<sup>th</sup> could be the extraction of honey date, but it will need to be confirmed. It will take place 9-1, but Kathy P. will confirm when she gets an exact date.

Buildings, Gardens, Grounds – Anne Barnett and Bill Penn are not here, but Barry got back from vacation and the mulch work has begun. Things are coming along nicely.

House – Debbie Cipolla said she put the spinning wheel in the sewing room. She also cleaned out the birthing stall, and found a copper bucket filled with pennies. There was \$32.13 in pennies, which was donated to the Grange.

Membership – Kathy Owsik is not here. Memberships are coming in, though.

Program – Polly the Magician will be here on August 4, 2022, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All kids will get a treat of water ice or ice cream. Looking for a nice turn out.

Shoppe – Bev Coster said all was good.

Tours – Sue Vernon said lots of visitors have been coming through and they all seem like they are totally enjoying the grounds and the gardens.

Trains – Bill Parkinson said they are continuing to get things done for the upcoming season.

Township Representative – There is nothing to report.

Chad Brooks did add that a vendor gave him ten antique maps for us to sell for \$20.00 a piece.

Sunday, October 23, 2022 will be our “All Hands on Deck” day. Looking forward to everyone’s help.

Solar lights might be a possibility to put up at the Grange to deter unwanted guests.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fran McGarrity at 7:42 p.m. and Bill Penn seconded. All in favor.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Next Board of Manager’s Meeting will be Thursday, September 1, 2022.