

FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
May 5, 2022

VIA Teleconference 516-253-3020

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Kathy Parkinson, Bill Parkinson, Kathy Owsik, Chad Brooks, Francine Brooks, Beverly Rorer, Jeanine Rastatter, Joe, Rastatter, Scott Selkowitz, Dorsey Rachor, Clarissa Dillon, Flossie DelGaone, Barry Pinheiro, Rick Miller, Vinnie DiGirolamo, George Cipolla, Bill Penn, Lynne Penn, Chris Madden, Helen McAllister, Rachelle Nocito, Chris Whiting, Debbie Cipolla Ray Brebach

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham

The meeting was called to order by President, Fran McGarrity at 6:37 P.M. in the drawing room of the mansion.

There was a vote to dispense with the regular order of business, motion to approve this was made by Kathy Owsik, Bev Rorer seconded, all in favor.

Fran McGarrity, Anne Barnett and Chad Brooks will be stepping down from their positions on the Executive Board, and Kathy Parkinson will be the incoming President, and Bill Penn and Jeanine Rastatter will be stepping up. Cathy DiGirolamo will remain as Secretary, and Jim Petrokubi will remain as Treasurer. Kathy Owsik moved to approve the new elected officers, Debbie Cipolla seconded, all were in favor. Flowers were presented to the bird house in Anne's Garden in recognition for all she did, and Chad Brooks was also presented with an outgoing gift for all his help and long hours. They will surely be missed. We wish them all the very best. Fran McGarrity did a super job as President and spent many long hours to make it the wonderful place that it is and we know that Kathy Parkinson will do a great job, too. Lots of luck to all.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi presented the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2022. The total funds are \$296,003.00. The operating balance is \$80,260.00, with \$121,777.00 the total for checking accounts.

The outgoing President, Fran McGarrity, gave the annual "State of the Grange Report", in which she thanked everyone for coming and also special thanks to the 7th Ward commissioner, Conor Quinn for joining us.

Charlie Gans of Gans Plumbing & Heating donated the bathroom fixtures for the powder room.

Ed & Kathy Carroll of PayVault – they have donated their services to do the payroll. They were so impressed with the Grange, and love helping out.

She also gave special thanks to both Barry Pinheiro and Ray Brebach who both spent several days making the grounds as beautiful as they are.

She also thanked her "Executive Committee" and welcomed the new ones coming on board.

Fran also spoke of the loss of a great supporter of the Grange Estate, Commissioner Andy Lewis, who died suddenly last April.

Our job at the Grange is the preservation and maintenance of this special place.

She went on to say that we had a very eventful year. Preservation, maintenance and fundraising demand most of our attention. This year we were able to do two big jobs, that being the Carriage House bathroom and adjoining washroom and the Gift Shoppe. Maintenance and plumbing issues played a big part this year, and were costly. There was also a major problem with the sewer this year. The sewer backup led to replacement of the floors, which was unexpected and costly.

She also commented on the success of the Book Club and spoke of how it was growing. There are presently 26 members.

She also spoke of the two camps that are held here, Pandora's Garden and Science Explorers, both of which are quite successful.

At the request of the Township Commissioners, a By-Laws Committee was formed to review the number of township appointees from 3-5.

Santa was a big hit in July for our "Christmas in July" event. She also mentioned that our big event, Winterfest brought in a profit of over \$4,000.00. The trainmaster reports that they had 3,317.00 visitors and received donations of \$2747.00.

In January, we welcomed new Township Representatives, Scott Selkowitz and Joe Rastatter. We also had a "Women in History in Tea Party, which was a great success.

Attic Treasurers sales opens our season every year. The sale for April 2022 raised \$978.00.

She updated us on the CDBG money, saying that it has been very frustrating, trying to get federal money for our projects, but we are hoping for more opportunities for the 2022-2023 season.

Fran McG. said that without a doubt, the Grange Estate is a hidden treasure in Haverford Township. It gets more successful and more popular, and beautiful every year due to the stewardship of this Board of Managers and all the supporting volunteers.

She went on to welcome the new incoming President, Kathy Parkinson.

Kathy P. spoke with all and said that she was happy on her new position and was hoping for a continued success at such a wonderful place.

She went on to welcome, Terri Dougherty as she was our guest speaker. Terri spoke of the history of the home she lives in on Center Rd., Havertown.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45, and refreshments were served.

Next Board of Managers Meeting will be Thursday night, June 2, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.