

# Friends of the Grange

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 07, 2023

Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
September 7, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:35 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Bill Parkinson, Kathy Parkinson, Chad Brooks, Jeanine Rastatter, Scott Selkowitz, Debbie Cipolla, Jim Petrokubi, Katarina Stojkovic, Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Thomas Monnat, Hazel Delikatny

The Minutes of the August 3, 2023 will be read and approved at the October Meeting due to printer issues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Petrokubi noted that total funds, as of August 31, 2023, are \$324,189.00, total checking account if at \$148,077.00, and net income for the month is at a negative -\$4,174.70.

**COLONIAL FALL FEST** – Colonial Fest will be held this year on October 15, 2023 between the hours of 1-4 PM, and will have pumpkin painting, scarecrow making and additional new activities to hopefully pull in new people. We will be having storytelling, with a colonial theme. We also will be doing butter making and will have “Colonial Living: - we are hoping there can be some presentation of bees by Bev Rorer, and also the attic treasure sale in the shop will be going on, selling all kinds of good items, along with Grange merchandise. We also will be having popcorn to sell, along with pretzels, and also gluten free snacks.

**MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:** We had an issue with maintenance from the Farm. House tenants. Apparently, their hot water heater went, and needed to be replaced, which cost \$1400.00.

The front porch was painted last month, and also the floor. The walk/steps were also re-aligned. Furniture was also painted. Terry Dougherty picked up Fall wreaths for the doors. Barry P., who does landscaping said that the Township

had not cut the lawn, due to the fact that the barricades were up for the bees. Kathy P. will follow up with Dave Mariani at the Township to see if we can get them back to cut the grass.

**SPRING GALA:** There was a meeting with Scott S., Debbie C., Jeanine R. and Kathy P., and also Nancy B.– they decided to have the Gala in the Spring of 2024 which will celebrate and mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grange. They are currently in the process of finding a venue and date to get it up and running. We will need sponsors, and volunteers to help with the event.

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:** - Joe R. was unable to come this evening, but it was noted that Rachelle N. is still recuperating and coming along. We are hoping that she will be able to make one of our upcoming meetings.

Township has spent considerable time re-vamping their website. Forms, applications and many other things that Township residents would need, are now available. Please take a look at the website – all the information you might be looking for is now there. It was also noted that if anyone has or knows of an elderly person who would have trouble getting out of their house in case of emergency, contact them and have their phone number entered and it will be noted for a look-out in case of emergency.

**EAGLE SCOUTS:** - Ethan, Eagle Scout is installing the lending libraries for adults and children. Feel free to check them out. Rick Miller said that the Boy Scouts are looking for extra hours, which would be a good for “All Hands-on Deck.”

**NECESSARY UPDATE:** The Necessary has been inspected by the Township, and a plan has been put into place for it. Right now, it is in the pipeline with the State Historical Commission to approve the plan and move on.

**AMPHITHEATRE UPDATE:** the Amphitheatre is on permanent hold. The Township has decided not to pursue it at this time. The Handicap accessibility has come up but for now, it will not go any further.

**HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP NIGHT SCHOOL:** They will be having another Adult School night at the Grange. It will be a nice evening. It was a thought to possibly talk about a family that once lived here at the house. Tours will be on going. It is a great experience to see at the Mansion at night time. They will be doing a

History class here at the Grange. They will be using the Grange for six-seven weeks.

**BEE UPDATE:** Bev Rorer noted that she bought additional supplies, since we were down to hardly any. It was cheaper for her to buy the material that was needed by the dozen. Bev also noted that she has some outstanding bills, and receipts that she will be handing in. They had 100 children from Chatham Park Elementary School here back in the Spring and their teachers asked for them to be able to have a scavenger hunt which corresponded to their science lessons. Bee education was a part of their program.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. and Fran McGarrity seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023.