

FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

January 6, 2022

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Kathy Parkinson, Kathy Owsik, Bill Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, and Rachelle Nocito, Bev Rorer, Scott Seikowitz, Betty Graham, Jim Petrokubi, Beverly Coster

EXCUSED: Joe Rastatter

Meeting was called to order by Fran McGarrity, at 6:34 p.m. by teleconference.

Minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were read and motion to approve was made by Bev Rorer and Kathy Owsik seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: Operating account is \$118,790.00. Endowment Account is \$187,722.00. There was a total of \$8621.00 profit for all Holiday events. Winterfest alone brought in \$4200.00 profit, but there were extra expenses for the month, ending with a \$2539.00 total profit. Final net income for December 2021 is \$7703.00. Bill Parkinson moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Rochelle Nocito and approved by all.

New Township Representatives: Rachelle Nocito, Joe Rastatter and Scott Seikowitz have been appointed as our new township representatives. Welcome to all. Scott gave us a little background on himself, telling us that he was originally from Pittsburgh and taught at Elwyn Institute for 23 years. He also served on several Boards, did some grant writing, and also was in the food business. The Grange is very special to him, being that he got married there 44 years ago, and will be celebrating his Anniversary there this year. He is honored to be a part of our team and ready to give his best to the Grange.

Tenant Farmhouse: There are some issues that have arisen in the tenant farmhouse. The tenants pay \$1800.00 monthly and we need to address these issues as soon as possible. The radiators need to be bled, which we have put a call into Gans Plumbing. There are also some mice issues, so an exterminator needs to be called.

Bathrooms: Toilets need repair in office, bridal bathroom and apartment. All three toilets are old and need to be replaced. There is an approval needed for up to \$3,000.00 to get this done. Bill Parkinson moved to approve, Betty Graham seconded, all were in favor.

Christmas Gifts: The Executive Committee approved gifts for both our secretary (\$100.00), and also the Caretakers (\$200.00). All three are worth their weight in gold and we are so happy to have them with us.

Wedding Rentals: October 1, and October 9, 2022 are the only available dates for wedding rentals.

CDBG: Looks like we have hit a wall with this issue. The pricing involved in fixing the leaning wall, and the farmhouse roof is well over \$100,000.00 each. The finance director said they are looking at value engineering and explore other options. We need to try and set up a meeting with them as soon as possible.

JML Electric update: Finally, the installation of the direct electric lines from the mansion alarm to the circuit breaker and the direct line from the A/C to the Carriage House circuit breaker are completed. Total cost was \$947.00.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasurers/Book Club: Jeanine Rastatter scheduled sale for April 2, 2022, but noted that there have not been many donations lately.

Book Club is hopefully set for Feb. 8, 2022 and we are looking to read the novel, "March."

Bees: Bev Rorer noted that we have lost 2 hives. One of our beekeepers is donating a hive this Spring. Bev is going to need to purchase two hives, which will be approximately \$130.00 apiece. Bill Parkinson moved to approve the \$300.00 for the hives, Betty Graham seconded. All in favor.

Hospitality: Debbie Cipolla said she has a great group of helpers and will take over the chair spot for hospitality. She greatly appreciates all the help.

House: Debbie Cipolla said the Mansion and trees and trains were absolutely great. The Christmas season turned out wonderful. Special acknowledgment to Chad and his wife, Francine for the super job they did in the Santa room.

Membership: Kathy Owsik wants to get the mailing out after the March meeting. Need a nominating committee. Goal is to get membership letter and slate of officers out by mid to late March. Need time for everyone to be able to vote.

Programs: Kathy Parkinson said the Holiday season turned out great. Couldn't be happier on the results. Will be sending this year's calendar out to everyone this week coming. It was nice to have everyone working together for the Betterment of the Grange.

Shoppe: Bev Coster said the gift sale in the shoppe was good, and now is the time to dismantle. Jeanine noted that they will be packing things up soon and have everything back to normal.

Tours: Sue Vernon is not here, but Kathy Owsik said tours are doing okay. She also noted that she has had a new volunteer, Beverly Bleirers, who has been helping and doing great. She also stressed that we need more volunteers for the tours. Sue Vernon noted that in the future she would like volunteer to let her know in advance, if possible, and also extended her thanks to all who did volunteer and help out. In the past she noted that the help was normally pre-scheduled. She would like to leave a list posted at the desk for everyone to sign if interested in volunteering. We also would like to raise the donation amount in the near future.

Trains: Bill Parkinson said all went well. Despite COVID, he had record numbers coming through. He will have the final number after this weekend's last train showing. The kids were so happy. We are still looking for more volunteers for next year.

Township Representatives: Nothing to report.

Bev Coster installed a little library in the front of her house which holds 39 books. If anyone is interested, stop by, and pick them up. Her address is 5 Decatur Rd., Havertown. Enjoy!
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. was made by Rochelle Nocito seconded by Beverly Coster, all approved.

Next Board of Managers meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

February 3, 2022

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Cathy DiGirolamo, Sue Vernon, Joe Rastatter, Anne Barnett, Jeanine Rastatter, Betty Graham, Scott Selkowitz, Kathy Owsik, Rachelle Nocito, Bev Coster, Jim Petrokubi, Kathy Parkinson

EXCUSED: Beverly Rorer

Meeting was called to order by Fran McGarrity, at 6:35 p.m. by teleconference.

Minutes of the January 6, 2022 meeting were read and motion to approve was made by Rachelle Nocito, seconded by Anne Barnett. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report: Operating account is \$81,963.00. Total checking account is \$123,357.00. Total funds in Endowment are \$311,079.00. There was a profit of \$956.00 from the tours for the month. Anne Barnett moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Bev Coster, and approved by all.

New Township Representative: Fran McGarrity welcomed our new township representative, Joe Rastatter. He is a Havertown resident, and actually bought his parent's home, where he grew up. He attended Annunciation school, Bonner, and Villanova University. He also served on the Shade Tree Commission for Haverford Township and therefore has some good connections if we would need any new trees or plantings. Welcome aboard, Joe.

Slavery Update: Colin McCrossan did a report on slavery at the Grange. He is asking to do a presentation to Grange members, with the Township Commissioners and interested historians. He did do a similar session last year at the Library. Question was raised whether this is a Township wide issue or is it strictly related to the Grange. Rachelle Nocito is going to follow up with his sources and to verify his information. After she receives this information, we will follow up with an email, and hoping by March's meeting, we will have more to report on this issue.

Science Explorers: Dates are July 11-15 (half day) and July 18-22 (full & half day) We will go ahead and book the camp.

Church and Tenant Farmhouse: There has been some significant plumbing issues, which has resulted in an overflow from the lateral pipe leading from the church and tenant farmhouse. Two toilets were running in the farmhouse. We will be clearing out any blockages shortly, following up with Township for the rest of the necessary plumbing issues.

Wedding Rentals: Correction has been made: The only available dates in October are October 1, 2022 and October 8, 2022.

CDBG: Seems to be turning into a real problem. Aimee Cuthbertson invited Fran McG. to join township officials in a teleconference, hoping to get some answers on the available funds. She was not given much time, but at this point, it appears that everything is in the township's hands, and we will see where it leads. The roof charges will be approximately \$135,000.00, and the whole roof might have to be taken down beyond the rafters. There is also the safety issue with the roof at this time. They are exploring other options. The other big issue is the leaning wall. Sixty (60) ft. of the wall needs to be repaired, with concrete footings. The total cost of this project, will also be around \$135,000.00. The pricing for the handicap ramp will be close to \$40,000.00. We will be awaiting to hear back from the township on their decisions.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasurers/Book Club: Jeanine Rastatter scheduled sale for April 2, 2022, but noted that there have not been many donations lately. There will be a drop-off two weeks prior to the sale.

Book Club is hopefully set for Feb. 8, 2022 and they are planning on reading the novel, "March."

Bees: Bev Rorer is not here tonight.

Hospitality: Debbie Cipolla said the "Women in History" tea party is all set for March 20, 2022. It will take place from 2-4 pm. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Debbie for a ticket. She will be having a small meeting prior to the tea

House: Debbie Cipolla said they were able to get everything packed up and put away after the Christmas holiday. She thanked all who came out and helped. All the boxes are numbered and labeled.

Membership: Kathy Owsik reported that 2021 exceeded 2020 with 10 new memberships. She is hoping to get the membership mailing, including the slate of officers mailed out by mid March. Whoever takes the new position, would be able to appoint their own Board. She will be following up on this by email to all Board members.

Programs: Kathy Parkinson noted that the township puts out a magazine, and thought that it would be a good idea, to put a "hello" in there, and note upcoming events that are to be held at the Grange. Opening date was questioned. Is it too long of a season? Motion was made to close on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday by Sue Vernon, and was seconded by Rachelle Nocito. All in favor, except one nay. Opening date is set for April 24, 2022.

Shoppe: Bev Coster would like to be informed ahead of time as to the painting of the gift shoppe, so she is able to get in there to clean out from Christmas. She needs to get a team together to get the shop ready for Spring.

Tours: Sue Vernon thanked everybody for all the help with the tours. She noted that she would like to be kept in the loop with any new additions or changes that are being made. If

anyone is interested in helping out with tours, please contact her. She would love to have the help.

Trains: Bill Parkinson is not here tonight.

Township Representatives: Rachelle N. noted that as a reminder, we will be having our "Quizzo" night. There will be three (3) games played. She also reminded all of us that March 20, 2022 is the Tea Party to discuss "Women in History". Robyn Young will be the guest speaker.

Scott S. wanted to welcome all good conversation that took place tonight, and he is ready, and willing to help out, where ever needed.

It was noted that on the web, we are now "theGrangeestate.net"

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Anne Barnett at 8:07 P.M. and was seconded by Rochelle N., all in favor.

Next Board of Managers meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022.

**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.

Pennoni 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.

FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
APRIL 7, 2022

IN HOUSE MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE – 516-253-3020

PRESENT: Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Kathy Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Coster

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.

Minutes of the March 3, 2022 meeting were read and motion to approve was made by Chad Brooks, seconded by Debbie Cipolla, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi said that we had a loss this month, due to the expenses of painting and the plumbing issues. There was a \$1839.00 loss for the month. \$895.00 profit was made at the Tea Party. The operating account balance is currently \$80,600.00. Jim P. will be checking into the Weissinger account for some updates and the status.

The Secretary raise to Nancy started in March and she was thrilled.

Lateral waste pipe: There has been several plumbing issues that have resulted in repeated lateral overflow. There is no update on the overflow problem. We will be reaching out to Public Works to see what they think about the problem.

Science Explorers: Weeks of July 11-15 for half day and July 18-22 for full days.

The Travers are leaving for vacation on April 8 and will return April 14, 2022.

CDBG Update: Leaning Porte Cochere wall, Farmhouse roof and the handicap walk/pad – there has been no update per Aimee Cuthbertson, Assistant Township Manager. Did receive a letter from Pennoni Associates, and there are possibly two options for fixing the wall. The final decision on fixing the wall will be decided by the Township.

Farmhouse Roof: Miller Roofing was out to look at the roof. They also cleaned the gutters out.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasures: Jeanine said that the Attic Treasures sale was quite a success. Thanks to all who helped. There was a \$978.00 profit and also \$50.00 profit from tours and one new membership. The sale seemed to be enjoyed by all who came. Chad Brooks made special note of all who helped getting Attic Treasure sale up and running. They worked really hard.

Book Club: Will meet April 12 and will be reading, "Over Story". The next book club meeting will be held on the second week in June.

Bees: Bev Rorer is not here tonight.

Buildings, Gardens, Grounds: Anne Barnett and Bill Penn are not here tonight.

House: Debbie Cipolla said tea party was a great success. The tea party recognized "Women in History". There were 56 ladies in attendance. Debbie thanked all who helped that night.

Membership: Kathy Owsik is not here but Fran noted that Kathy has gotten everything up and was able to get the membership mailing out.

Program: Kathy Parkinson has nothing to report.

Shoppe: Bev Coster said that the Shoppe was painted and we are unpacking boxes setting up the Shoppe.

Tours: Sue Vernon is not here tonight. Tours will begin on April 24, 2022.

Trains: Bill Parkinson is not here tonight.

Township Representative: Rachelle Nocito, Joe Rastatter and Scott Selkowitz are not here tonight.

Chad B. is looking into security cameras and spoke with Chief Viola, who highly recommend getting them.

Betterment of the Grange: A woman is like a tea bag – you can't tell how strong she is until you put her into hot water.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. – motion was made by Chad Brooks, and seconded by Bev Coster. All were in favor.

Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

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.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
June 2, 2022**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson at 6:32 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT: Kathy Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Fran McGarrity, Bill Penn, Bev Rorer, Chad Brooks, Scott Selkowitz, Joe Rastatter, Bill Parkinson and Rachelle Nocito.

EXCUSED: Sue Vernon, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Bev Coster, Debbie Cipolla, Kathy Owsik

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham

The minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting were read, and the motion to approve was made by Bev Rorer, and Rachelle Nocito seconded, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi is not here tonight due to illness. We will update the Treasurer's report next month.

Kathy Parkinson said a huge tree fell down last week on Grove place, which blocked the driveway to the Grange. It took down "a forest, several trees. It was Kathy's first fallen tree. Chad Brooks noticed a tree on Myrtle near our property that looks like it is leaning, also and suggested that we should look into that now.

Farmhouse Tenants: There has been a little "to do" with the farmhouse tenants. Jane saw and called Kathy P. to report that the fencing was being delivered to the farmhouse. Bill Penn spoke to the tenants and said no permanent fencing can be put up. The tenant called Kathy P., who then reminded her that the lease says that nothing permanent can be installed. They did not ask permission to build a fence. Fran McGarrity reminded that "we can't even paint a room without getting

prior approval.” The post went into the ground before the Saturday of the anniversary party. The bamboo temporary fencing could be allowed; the posts were covered with dirt. Kathy P. kept reminding them that nothing permanent can be installed. Bill originally saw bags of cement when the 4 x 4’s were delivered. Fran McG. added that the Declaration of Covenants could be a fall back. Rachelle asked if we could give a dead line to remove the post. Bev said that we should have a township official come down. Fran McG. said we could go right to Mr. Berman, Township Manager, and bring up the issue. Chad B. added that no renter should be doing this, and that there is an inspection clause in the lease. Fran McG. added that there is some color in one of the farmhouse bedrooms.

CNN: They are doing a feature on Jefferson and want to go to Collenbrook to use the stone walls and backdrop. Bev Rorer walked them around. They are working on a proposal to be sent to both townships. They may want some outside and inside shots. They could use our library for a shot of Jefferson’s oval office. They are very respectful of historic sites. One of us could be here if they decide to come.

We may not get anything financially, but we would likely be mentioned. We could publicize this use of the Grange by the CNN crew. Bill adds that having them film here keeps in line with our historic mission.

Literary Salons at the Grange: Jeanine Rastatter proposed a summer program for the Grange, somewhat like Pandora’s Garden, where she would lead 3 one-hour Shared Reading events in the garden on Tuesday nights in July. She proposed charging \$20.00 and getting paid with half of the money to cover her fees. Fran McG. stated that Board members should not be making any money. Jeanine R. was unaware of that, and Kathy P. will follow up and do some research in the By-Laws.

Rachelle N. added that the Grange could pay Jeanine R. as a contractor. In a follow-up mail, Jeanine proposed that all proceeds will go to the Grange. Kathy P. moved to go ahead with the literary salon, Bev moved to approve and Bill Parkinson seconded, all were in favor.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasures: Jeanine R. said the Grange made \$35.00 today with the sale of the lobster trap, which brings the final total over \$1,000.00

Book Club: The book club is next week. It has been changed to Wednesday, June 8th, and the group is discussing "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline. Jeanine reports that the book club has gotten several new members in the past few months and those new members are asked to buy a membership to the Grange.

Bees: Bev Rorer said that three hives are "going like Gangbusters." A woman on Myrtle is becoming more involved. They are waiting to see if the queens hatch. Eli will bring a new queen, if not. Katarina is trapping the black beetles in the Drone frames. They are checking the hives every week. Hazel is in charge. Hopefully, there will be lots of honey, come August.

Buildings, Gardens and Grounds: 10 pounds of mulch have been distributed around the property. Barry and his crews are moving it around. Barry hired 4 interns; 2 returned from last year, the one new intern has done a great job in cutting the grass. Barry will be gone soon, and Bill will be helping with the kids. The birdhouse in the courtyard was in major disarray. Lynne Penn mentioned the need for repair on Facebook, and a retired teacher who makes birdhouses came over and made a nice new one for the Grange.

Bill wants to replace all the lights in the Carriage House. Now is a good time because not much is going on. Last year one of the hinges came loose, and the light was hanging. Bill is getting some estimates for LED's. Lowe's has them for \$100.00 a piece. Bill P. would be able to install them. He thought an electrical supply house would be a better deal.

Hospitality: Jeanine R. read Debbie's Cipolla's update: Debbie C. mentioned the lovely 50th Anniversary party held at the Grange on May 21. 50 people attended and were very impressed with the Mansion and the gardens. Debbie C. hopes to get more bookings in the future.

Debbie has decided to clean out the Carriage House. Debbie C., Kathy P., Jeanine and Jane T. cleaned out two of the stalls, polishing the leather, etc. We found the lights which got us questioning if we should keep them. Bev added that there should not be any straw in the troughs. We are cleaning out the birthing stall. Why would you have a fireplace in a birthing stall? Bev R. thinks that is where the first house began. It looks like a bread-baking oven next to it. Years ago, the professor, John Cotter could not quite date the fireplace back that far. Fran McG.

thought if it could possibly have been the original log cabin. Then they used the foundation of that to build the Carriage House.

Rachelle added that when Terri Dougherty was here, she stated that her husband went to clean the tiles in their house, which could compromise them in an historical sense. Rachelle thinks we should be careful when cleaning.

Kathy P. added that there is a sinkhole near the driveway that is getting bigger.

The township was informed. As you are coming down from the parking lot, it is between the first and second post. Bill says we have to take care of this to figure out what is wrong in the Carriage House. Has the source of the backup been found? Kathy P. said, it has not. The township has to dig near the Porte Cochere and get another camera in. We cannot do the drywall in the bathroom until the problem gets fixed. Fran McG. asked if we can get the township to fix the walls.

Kathy P. is concerned about the drain behind the Carriage House. Scott Selkowitz made a temporary fix with some chicken wire there for now. The concrete support for the pipe, near the water wheel is now eroding.

Kathy P. mentioned that Chatham Park 3rd graders, 85 children were here on Wednesday, doing a scavenger hunt. All went well.

Programs: Kathy P. proposes that we should get a new magician for the August Magic Show/Ice Cream event. Kathy called Polly, who is available on the 4th and he does a 40-minute show for \$300.00 with comedy, music, juggling and a live rabbit can be petted by the children. Kathy P. proposed we should hire him. Chad B. moved to approve hiring Polly, and Bill Parkinson seconded. Kathy will book him.

Heritage Festival: Will be held this Sunday, June 5, 2022. Grange has a table. If anyone can help, it would be appreciated. It should be a great day with perfect weather. Kathy P. will bring tee shirts and magnets. Bill P. will bring the tables down and will have the trains set up. The Grange and train tables will be next to one another.

Gift Shop: Bev Coster is not here tonight, but the shop is lovely, newly painted and decorated.

Tours: Sue V. stated that there are very few guests this Spring, but those who have come are very impressed. A few people were waiting on Sunday. Joe R. noted the weather has not been great these past few months.

Trains: The train men are doing maintenance projects on the trains these past few months. The group is going to the train show at the Oaks Expo Center where they will have signage.

Flower Show: We have 2 tickets to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Is anyone interested in them? Fran McG. added that we paid more this year than prior so that we could get the 2 free tickets. Kathy P. will use them if no one is interested.

Township Representatives: Rachelle N. says we are doing a good job and moving forward. She also noted that Fran is here and she is doing a super job.

Rachelle would like us to recognize Scott

S., who is coming up with good ideas for the Seniors. Could we integrate with that group? Scott S. stated that The Senior Advisory council is finalizing a survey to assess needs and interests of those 65 and over in the township. On October 19th from 6-8 P.M., there will be meet and greet event for seniors. Food will be provided by Carlino's. This is a night of comradery and meeting those with the same interests. It will be at the Administration Building. They would like a representative from the Grange.

Scott S. is happy to spruce up the sign at the top of the walkway, fix the roof shingles on it and paint it. Kathy would also like to put a spotlight on it. Scott said he will prime and paint it.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was at 7:36 P.M., Bev R. moved, and Bill P., seconded. All were in favor.

Next Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Next Board of Manager's meeting will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022.

**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 17th, 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 6th 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.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
October 6, 2022**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson at 6:37 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT: Kathy Parkinson, Cathy DiGirolamo, Debbie Cipolla, Chad Brooks, Beverly Rorer, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Joe Rastatter, Jeanine Rastatter, Sue Vernon, Bev Coster, Scott Selkowitz and Rachelle Nocito.

EXCUSED: Fran McGarrity

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham

The minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting were read and Bev Rorer motioned to approve, and Rachelle Nocito seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi reported on our finances for the month of September, 2022. Our total net income is \$590.84. We had some expenses this month with the flooring and carpet. Our endowment went down a little, too. Total funds right now are \$305,623.00 – total in our checking account is presently \$139,751.00. Bill Parkinson motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Jeanine Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

Scarecrow making/Pumpkin painting: Will be this coming Sunday, between 1-4. We will be needing some teenagers to help out, possibly five or six would be great. Pumpkins are all picked up and are here. We have 50, along with the popcorn maker, cider, pretzels and water will also be available. The Shoppe will be open, along with tours available.

Amphitheater Update: We had asked Dave Burman to come tonight and join us, but he is in Pittsburgh. He would prefer if we could give him written questions

and then he will answer them. We should give him as many as we can and if he wants to meet afterwards, that would be a possibility. We really need him or a representative from the township to answer all our questions and to clear some issues up for us. Kathy Parkinson will be putting an email for us to follow through with Mr. Burman.

Strategic Planning: Scott Selkowitz will be leading up the strategic planning team. He said that it will be a process. Priorities need to be developed first. It is not a complicated process, actually quite simple, and he is looking forward to getting started. It will be starting after the first of the year. Between now and then, Scott and Kathy will be meeting with the township Commissioners to see what we need to do and how to get the proper support from the Township.

Winterfest: Holiday Update, will be on November 26, 2022, from 1-6 pm. There will be the trains, along with Santa Claus, and hot chocolate will be served, along with the tree lighting and some Christmas music. All Hands-on Deck afterwards, and planning on getting pizzas for a treat. We will need a lot of volunteers, so please go to Genius sign-up.

Story Time: Will be on Friday night, December 16, 2022. We will be reading "Rudy, the Reindeer book. A local Haverford Township man is the author of the book and he will be reading it that night. We still have not figured out what the cost will be. Cookies, hot chocolate, and candy canes will be served.

Haverford Township Senior Open House: Will be on October 19, 2022 from 6-8 pm. This is for senior to see and hear what one another has to say. It is a great way to make new friends and discuss with others what our likes and dislikes and needs are. This will be held in the Township Administration Building. Food will be served. There will be a survey for all to fill out and there is also pre-registration. You can also register on line or call the Township directly.

Carriage House Flooring: Is all completed and looking great.

Flute night: Will be on December 3, 2022. The time has not yet been set. They will be contacting us with a possible time.

Sewer Update: Jane Travers said the township was here and they put the camera down. There are no blockages at this point in time.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Attic Treasurers: Jeanine R. has nothing to report until Spring.

Book Club: Jeanine said that the book club will be meeting this coming Tuesday at 7 pm. She is expecting twelve people. The book they will be reading is, "Remarkably Bright Creatures".

Bees: Bev R. said that we have two strong hives and they are quite productive. She mentioned that as of now she has not gotten the extractor, but will get it before August. She also will be checking the hives and the honey supply.

Buildings, Gardens & Grounds: Bill Penn had someone come down and look at the dead tree in the south garden. They were unable to get the equipment back down there but they will be following through with it.

Anne Barnett will not be with us any longer. She will be moving to Waverly Heights Retirement Home. Best of luck to Anne. She will be missed greatly, along with all her hard work and dedication and love for the Grange.

House: Debbie Cipolla said that Jim and Kathy Petrokubi's 50th Anniversary Party went wonderfully. It was a fun event, with people coming from near and far to help celebrate this special couple. Congrats to both of them.

Debbie also mentioned that we are going to need to be more careful of the furniture. Some pieces of the furniture have been coming apart lately. Bill and Lynn Penn donated a beautiful new chair. The Production crew donated a beautiful dining room table and 7 upholstered chairs, along with a hutch and a bookshelf.

Program Publicity: In a few months, a call for a meeting to discuss the upcoming ideas for next year. Kathy P. would like to put all of this down on a schedule/calendar. She also mentioned that she is looking for someone to replace her in this chair position.

Shoppe: Bev Coster said all is good at the Shoppe. Nothing new to report.

Tours: Sue Vernon does not have much to report. It was a slow summer, but things will be picking up now.

Township Representatives: Rachelle Nocito said that the “tea” was a big success. She suggested possibly doing a “queen tea” in honor of the queen.

Trains: Will be getting started this coming Saturday, October 9, 2022. If anyone has anything back in the stall areas or in the back, it will need to be removed in the next weeks.

Evan Taddeo will be doing his Eagle Scout project on October 22 and 23, which involves rebuilding the arbor in the South Garden.

Next meeting, which will be Thursday, **November 3, 2022.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Debbie Cipolla motion to approve, Rachelle Nocito seconded. All were in favor.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 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, Cathy DiGirolamo, Debbie Cipolla, Chad Brooks, Beverly Rorer, Jim Petrokubi, Bill Parkinson, Joe Rastatter, Joe Rastatter, Scott Selkowitz

EXCUSED: Fran McGarrity, Rachelle Nocito, Jeanine Rastatter, Terri Dougherty, Sue Vernon

BY TELECONFERENCE: Betty Graham

The minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting were read and Bev Rorer motioned to approve, and Bill Parkinson seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Petrokubi reported on our finances through the month of October 2022. We had a loss this past month. Our total net income loss was \$525.42. He went on to say we had a problem with the web. Our total checking account balance currently is \$139,004.00. Merrill Lynch went down a little from last month. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Debbie Cipolla, and was seconded by Scott Selkowitz. All in favor.

Rosemary McNair will be turning 100 this year. She is currently still in rehab. She has done so many things at the Grange. She has always loved the Grange. She also met her late husband at the Grange. Betty Graham tries to keep in touch with her on a weekly basis just to keep her up on happenings at the Grange. We will be sending her flowers and Kathy Parkinson will be following it up with an email so we can all send her a birthday card.

Winterfest: Is coming up fast. Rachelle is in charge of the volunteers. We are working on getting as many volunteers as possible. Kathy P. changed the website to reflect the upcoming Winterfest. It is also going to be on Facebook. Kathy P. noted that the dates were incorrect, but she changed them to reflect the proper dates. We are still looking for some more vendors. November. 26, 2022 is the date set up for the event. We are also working on having some live music for the day. Kathy is also trying to contact Oakmont Fire Co. to bring Santa on the old fire truck. So, all in all, we are in good shape and ready to enjoy the day.

Holiday Party: Is set up for Friday night, December 9, from 7-9. Trying to make it more like a cocktail party and hoping more people can go outside on the front porch. Debbie Cipolla said that we are ordering a few things from Carlino's, and also getting some things from Costco. If anyone would like to bring something, please feel free. We are also going to have a guitar party play for us during the cocktail party. The cost will be \$35.00 a person.

Holiday Schedule has been posted.

Flute Concert – December 3, 2022.

Holiday Party – December 9, 2022.

Story Time: - December 16, 2022.

Reproduction maps on Haverford Township are here, dated 1875, please feel free to come by and take a look and purchase one if you would like.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Attic Treasurers: Jeanine Rastatter is not here. Nothing to report.

Book Club: Next book club meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2022.

Bees: Bev R. said that the hives need to be cleaned out. Rachelle is taking Bev to pick up the extractor. The two strong hives we have are quite productive.

Buildings, Gardens & Grounds: We got four new trees, 2 of which have already been planted. Bill Penn also bought evergreens and planted them.

House: Debbie Cipolla said that the house is looking great and ready for the upcoming Holiday season. All the fire extinguishers have been switched out. All

are new and we also got two new ones. The defibrillator from the kitchen has been updated.

Membership: Kathy Owsik is not here. Nothing to report.

Program Publicity: Nothing to report.

Shoppe: Bev Coster said the electric line has to be run, and until that time, she is unable to do the tree without having the electric. We will get her an extension cord and then she can start her decorating.

Tours: Sue Vernon is not here. Nothing to report.

Trains: November 26, 2022 is our go to date to begin our train season. Three more working days and we should all be set, noted Bill Parkinson. All the candy canes and tickets have been ordered.

Township Representatives: - Rachelle Nocito has reapplied to stay on as Township Rep. It was discussed to continue to lobby for a three year instead of one year term as a representative. The Board of Commissioners are looking into it.

Next meeting, which will be Thursday, **December 1, 2022.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Bev Coster motion to approved, Joe Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.