

Haverford Township
Friends of the Grange
2024 Agendas and Minutes

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Friends of the Grange Board of Managers Meeting January 04, 2024

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

PRESENT: Bill Parkinson, Scott Selkowitz, Richard Miller, Jeanine Rastatter, Chris Madden, Sandy Oslavsky, Hazel Delikatny, Fran McGarrity, Kathy Owsik, Katarina Stojovic, Joe Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Conor Quinn, Cathy DiGirolamo, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer and Gerry Hart, Jim Petrokubi

The Minutes from the November meeting were on the table to all pick up and go over for the beginning of the meeting. While looking over the minutes from November, Kathy P. began the meeting with a little “intro” – she talked about someone that she looked up to – “You must meet the wants of the age” – she said. She went on to say, “As I sit up here and represent the Grange Estate, I will tell you that I am not perfect, but as we begin a New Year, we must look upon one another with grace and respect. Professionalism and respect is of the utmost importance.

The minutes were read by all, and there was a couple corrections that needed to be made:

Debbie Cipolla was present, the date of the Winterfest was incorrectly written as December, and should have been November. Also, there was mention made that Fran McGarrity and Kathy Owsik’s motion from the last meeting was missed.

Bill Parkinson motioned to approve the November minutes and Sandy Oslavsky seconded, all were in favor.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jim Petrokubi welcomed all for the New Year and began by saying that the operating balance as of December 31, 2023 was \$111,448.00. He also stated that as of year’s end, there was a \$1085.35 profit from June 2023 -December 2023. Total funds as of the end of the year is \$330,085.00 – total checking account funds are \$153,343.00. Total donations were \$5840.00.

Bill Parkinson asked about investing some of the cash into something more profitable. Jim noted that he was looking into equities, mutual funds and will be contacting Merrill Lynch.

Strategic Planning:

Scott Selkowitz made note of “thanks” to our Treasurer, Jim Petrokubi for getting everything in order to line up for the fiscal year. He had a lot to do to make sure we are current on all of our tax information.

In early February, Scott noted that we will be following through with the steps for approval for the By-Laws. It will go before the Executive Committee and then will go on to the Board of Managers and then on to the Township. The Township passed an ordinance 50 years ago, and we want the solicitor to review, and to be able to see the revisions – and at that time, it will come back to the Board of Managers for all to note and then approve.

One of the next areas to address will be “membership”.

Hazel Delikatny will be forming a committee to help out with the “tending” of the gardens. There has been many restorations in many areas of the Grange. We need to set up a plan – for people to volunteer and help. It would be beneficial for all, if we had a plan moving forward.

There was also a number of discussions about having a “Gala” for the 50th Anniversary of the Grange. We would like to get this up and running so we can all celebrate 50 years. Scott will be forwarding an email to all, to look for committees for the Gala.

Scott also send out an email regarding our Insurances. The Township added the Grange to its general liability insurance at no additional charge to the Grange. We will need to retain a rider to the insurance policy.

Nominating Committee – Kathy Parkinson asked Kathy Owsik if she would run the nominating committee. She turned down the offer at this time. Nominating for the officers will convene in January for May 2024.

Electronic Payments: Kathy Parkinson is looking into credit card payments – she will be making some calls this month and hopes to have some positive results for us in the February BOM meeting.

Holiday Season: Bill Parkinson gave us highlights and goodies from the trains – this year brought many donations and many records along with it. It was quite a

success and we still have one week to go. There are currently 16 very active volunteers.

Winterfest and Holiday Events – Kathy P. asked Nancy to put together a report on both events – there was a profit of \$6,601.00 – great job and much thanks to all who helped out. There was also \$1,105.00 collected during Winterfest for tours – this was the first year we charged and it was a success.

House – Debbie Cipolla thanked all for the help with the trees. It was quite a job for all, but turned out beautiful and added so much to the Grange.

Holiday Party – was also a success, with approximately 50 people in attendance. Good festive time had by all.

Trees – Tick Miler noted that he would love to tag the trees that we are taking down. He also mentioned that we should take a look at the cedar trees that are now leaning towards the tenant's house. If the trees are removed, he felt that it is always good to replace them with the same kind of tree.

Haverford Adult School – we received a request from them to see if Monday afternoons in April would be a good time for them to have their classes. Kathy P believes that that time frame will be fine but said that we will need to charge them for the Monday night that they are looking for. By April 1st, you can use the Carriage House but not the Mansion. The “Evenings at the Grange” which were published through the HT Adult School, were both well attended. We will need to charge enough to cover our cost for the wine/cheese.

We will no longer be doing the summer camps.

Pandora's Garden – Jeanine R. said that she did hear from them, and they are planning on coming back this year. It was thought to put together some literature this year to give to the parents, so they are able to give back to the Grange.

Projects – We would like to take a look at the driveway as a capital project to improve the driveway – the condition of it presently is poor. It is getting worse with time. The trees are also overgrown as you come in. We have also looking into the maintenance of the Carriage House as a capital project.

Bees: - Hazel said that the bees are all doing well. Everything seems good with them. We are going to interested bee people to come into the Spring House to ask questions and to learn about the bees. They can look at the hives – and

possibly have a “honey day”. Going forward it is believed to be a great idea and are looking forward to working with the Commissioners to make the “best place” for the bees.

It was also noted during the meeting that Fran McGarrity was not able to vote – Fran Mc and Kathy Owsik advised the Board that past presidents have always been able to vote on issues. Fran made note of the corporate structure and how it shows the people involved with corporate structure, governing body of the corporation – these are the body’s involved – which includes herself as an advisor to the Board and she should be able to pass her vote on issues at hand. It was decided to take this up at the next meeting and we will all vote on.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. Motion was made by Bill Parkinson, seconded by Joe Rastatter. All approved.

Next Board of Managers meeting will be held in the Mansion on Thursday evening, February 1, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Haverford Township - Friends of the Grange

Meeting: Tuesday, April 04, 2024

Time: 6:40 p.m.

Location: 143 Myrtle Ave, Havertown PA 19083 - drawing room of the Mansion

Meeting Minutes

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson Rastatter, at 6:40 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT :

Kathy Parkinson, Bill Parkinson, Jeanine Rastatter, Chris Madden, Sandy Oslavsky, Hazel Delikatny, Rick Miller, Joe Rastatter, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Rochelle Nocito, Andrea r Quinn, Cathy DiGirolamo, Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer and Gerry Hart, Jim Petrokubi

EXCUSED: Fran McGarrity, Chad Brooks, Kathy Owsik

The Minutes from the March 2024 meeting(which was held in February) were read and reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Miller, and seconded by Hazel Delikatny. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Petrokubi reported the following totals as of Feb. 29, 2024 but will be following up at the next meeting with the written totals in all areas.

Operating Expense:	\$ 120,568.00
Amphitheater Fund.	\$ 24,969.00
Total checking:	\$ 162,718.00

Merrill Lynch - \$166,533.00

Total Funds as of Feb. 29, 2024 - \$351,897.00

Joe Rastatter moved to approve the treasurer's report and Chris seconded, all were in favor.

Grange Portal: Bill Parkinson gave a presentation on our new portal for all of us to be able to use. He showed the sign in and a few of the main features, for all of us to be able to get into the site. He will send a link at a later date that will allow all of us to get in. The Home page of the portal will allow us to access business items, and upcoming events for the month ahead. There is also a section for “input.” If you would like to input any suggestions or vote, this is where it will be. There will also be a full calendar and a navigation bar will take you to the calendar – beginning with the upcoming/ present month and then you can look for future months.

There will also be a section for all committees – what the committees are, and descriptions of the duties of the chairperson.

There is also a reference section – by laws – rental agreements and all official documents.

Everyone’s names and email address will be listed on the portal.

Andrea offered to help with the setting up page for listing all “Volunteers”. Kathy P. went on to say that once Bill is in the final stages, there will be classes to go through the site for all of us to get used to it.

By-Laws Update: Kathy P. gave the By-Laws to the Township and there were three small changes that needed to be made:

1. We put in for two-year terms for representatives from the township – the township did not want that. The Representatives are in for the long run, so we deleted the “two-year term”
2. The term “Chairperson” needs to replace, “Chairman”
3. Period that should have been a coma.

There will be voting next week. We should have them within a few weeks and then we will be voting on them.

Nominating Committee: Bill Parkinson – has not received any addition request for nominations for executive committee. All of the existing officers have agreed to come back -no other interested parties so far.

Cathy DiGirolamo also has come up for a third term, and will need to be voted on. Motion to approve this was made by Bill Parkinson, Debbie Cipolla seconded, all were in favor.

The following chairs are needed:

Tours: - Vacant.

Buildings, Gardens & Grounds – Vacant

Event person is also needed.

Volunteerism – not a standing committee, but might not be a bad idea to add it on.

Gift Shoppe – Vacant.

Tours – Vacant.

Membership Update: Kathy Owsik is away, but sent a dues payment total sheet for memberships. There is also renewal membership letter, annual meetings and ballots – all of which will go out next week. Our memberships have been going down the last few years. We will follow through with Kathy O., when she returns from her trip and talk so we can see where we currently are. We might need to re-vamp the way the memberships are done to get more of a positive return.

In May 2024, Kathy P. will be giving her “State of the Grange” address and will give the results of the memberships at that time.

Events Update: Debbie C. said that she had a meeting for volunteers – she has all their email addresses to make sure we can keep in touch with all the interested people. The Gala will be September 14, 2024, and we want to get people to donate. We will be making up a letter to send out to vendors or people/business that we know to get the whole community involved.

Antique Road Show – April 21, 2024 – if you can think of anybody that would like to come, please pass the word. As of now, we are not getting much of a response for the event. The cost is \$20.00 a head, and \$30.00 per couple.

May 2, 2024 will be our annual meeting.

May 10, 2024 – Will be the Night School Wine and Cheese – Bev Rorer will be doing a presentation. As of now, we have 30 people signed up for the class.

June 2, 2024 – Heritage Festival at Karakung Drive – Kathy P. will be sending out a sign-up genius.

April 10, 2024 – CPR class has been cancelled. Joe Rastatter said that he might be able to find another volunteer who would be able to do the CPR class for us.

Pandora’s Garden – Parking is limited from 9 AM – 11:30 while Pandora’s Garden is here – we are asking that you park at the top and walk down.

PECO/SEPTA – peeled back the back fence while they were working. We will have to find out who is responsible to put the fencing back. We will reach out to the

Township.

Bill Parkinson and Rick Miller stained a cabinet and placed it around the new sink that was installed in the Carriage House. The work will be completed shortly.

Trees: Kathy P. talked to Aimee from the Township about the on-going issue with the safety of some of the trees. Aimee is not sure whether it falls within the public works or the parks program but will look into it and let us know. She did look into the budget for us and there is money there for this year and next. Year to take some of these trees down.

Wall: The Wall has been taken down to the foundation. They are going to be pouring a new foundation when the rain stops. Things right now are all wet and damp.

Everything is being done to try and save the Magnolia tree. The Township cleared out some of the branches from the cucumber magnolia. The township will be coming back to re-grade and re-seed.

Book Club: Jeanine Rastatter – The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024, and we will be reading Frozen River. Book club is doing good and new people have come and are helping out.

Seven of the Book Club women have also come to the library to help put all the books in some kind of order.

Bee Report – June 15, 2024 is next bee extraction. We are trying to get spring flow of honey. Summer flow is in August, said Bev Rorer.

Hazel has been named the official bee keeper, but Bev R. is “Queen Bee”.

The new shed is being delivered on May 7, 2024. We will have combination locks on the fence and the shed.

Kathy Parkinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Bev Rorer approved, and Rochelle Nocito seconded. All were in favor.