

Friends of the Grange

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Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 05, 2023

Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:38 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

PRESENT: Kathy Parkinson, Chad Brooks, Jeanine Rastatter, Debbie Cipolla, Jim Petrokubi, Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Thomas Monnat, Bev Rorer, Hazel Delikatny, Joe Rastatter

EXCUSED: Kathy Owsik

The Minutes of the September 7, 2023 will be read and Fran McGarrity noted that Bev Rorer and Kathy Owsik were present at the meeting on September 7, 2023 and needed to be added. Motion to approve the minutes after that was made by Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Petrokubi noted that the total operating balance as of September 30, 2023 is \$107,506.00, total checking account balance is \$149,397.00 – total funds are \$325,326.00. Jim P. noted that we are showing a deficit of \$2856.99 and that is because we have not had much going on this past month, and we have also had a lot of expenses. There has also not been much of a change on the endowment. Kathy P. also noted that the Grange was included in Betty Grahams Will. Joe Rastatter motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Fran McGarrity seconded. All were in favor.

COLONIAL FALL FEST – Colonial Fest will be held next Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 1-4 P.M. Jeanine Rastatter is working on a potential list, looking for some additional volunteers. We are opening it up on "Genius". Bees and Colonial time/living will be include in the day's events, along with story-telling and attic treasurers. There is a lot of items that need to be brought down from the barn. It was noted that "attic treasures: was not included on the flyer. We will be having refreshments, including pretzels, popcorns, hot dogs, cider, apple juice and water.

There will be scarecrow making and pumpkin painting. There will also be tours in the Mansion – but we are looking for help. Question was raised as to whether we should charge or should this just be consider a donation.

WINTER FEST AND HOLIDAY SEASON: - A meeting was held with Debbie C., Kathy P., Helen and Jeanine R. to talk about vendors and what we need to charge them. It was decided not to have craft vendors because we do not have the available tents and heating that would be needed for them. There will also be a “Johnnie on the Spot” if needed for visitors. Debbie C. stated that we should charge people to come into the Mansion for tours. What would be a fair price to charge? It surely would cut down on the amount of people coming through the Mansion, but then again it would depend on the weather that day. It was agreed to charge \$5.00 for adults and children under 12 would be free. Santa will be set up in the front and there will be no charge for taking pictures. Joe Rastatter motioned to approve – Debbie Cipolla seconded. All were in favor.

BEES: Fran McGarrity raised some concerns with the Board about the handling of the Bees and stressed the desire to continue to have them be a part of the Grange. There was a small discussion at that time, but the matter was put aside, and the meeting continued with the agenda.

MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP: As far as upkeep – the Master Gardener Group will be fixing up Memorial Garden. The locks have all been fixed and the winter pansies will be planted, along with a fall clean up.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES: - Joe R. discussed coming across “Coffee mugs” with the Grange Estate on the front of the mug. He went to a couple knick/knack places and also to the owner of the DELCO shop. These mugs will be sold in the Gift Shop and they are ceramic. Bev Rorer suggested that we should order 100 of them. Joe R. is going to try and get these ordered. Bev Rorer approved the purchase of the mugs, and Jeanine Rastatter seconded, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

CHAIR REPORTS

Attic Treasurers -moved more items into the Gift shop and it is looking good.

Hoping all visitors will visit the shop.

Book Club – will be held this coming Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – usually there is at least 12-15 women in attendance. It is usually a great night and Jeanine will be talking to all the ladies about upcoming events.

House – Debbie mentioned “All Hands on Deck” – which will be Sunday, October 22, 2023 – there will be no tours and we will be bringing all the stuff down from the third floor, the Cub Scouts will be joining us and helping. It will begin at 4 PM – Debbie will be ordering pizzas for all those who come out to help.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. and Joe Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023.