

**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.