

**Heritage Avon Lake  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2018, at the Folger Home**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President Gerry Vogel.

**Roll call:** Gerry Vogel, Tony Tomanek, Sandi Gerhan, Tom Patton, Marty Gallagher, Steve Vass, Laura Ploenzke Judy Kaminski, Chuck Fye. Lynn Miller was absent with excuse. Tony Tomanek was appointed secretary pro tem.

**Meeting minutes from May 16, 2018:** Judy moved to approve, 2nd by Steve. Motion approved by voice vote; minutes will be published on the website and distributed to city officials.

**Financial report:** Sandi distributed financial and budget reports for May. She highlighted the following points:

- No gas bill due to adjustment of budget billing from Columbia.
- Membership money is coming in (\$3500 to date.)
- Brochure printing was a May expense.
- Ice cream costs and sales will post in June.
- Checking balance today is \$27,508.75.
- Net worth after subtracting the balance on the credit card is \$36,181.68.

Gerry moved to accept the financial report and the budget, Judy seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.

**President's report:** Gerry reported the following:

- HAL has purchased a digital projector and screen for FOHO. The projector will be reserved for HAL use, and can also be used at PMHM if needed. The projector is on a wheeled media cart in the FOHO kitchen.
- Gerry would like more people to sign up for Tuesdays at the FOHO, and asked Board Members to sign up. Gerry suggested stopping Tuesdays in September if no volunteers materialize in near future. Non-members can also volunteer.
- We also need a few more Ice Cream Sales volunteers
- Gerry brought up membership engagement. The board agreed that likely volunteers should be identified from our membership list, we can divide the list among the Board, and each Board member can make a few calls to feel out interest and encourage participation. Tony has postcards as well we can and should use. Gerry will discuss with Lynn about how to make this work.
- Danielle Locke from the Lorain County Community Foundation made a presentation regarding HAL and what and how the Foundation could do to help HAL create an endowment. The Board agreed that this was simply an overview and that no decision is being made about investing in the Foundation, and no action needs to be taken immediately. Sandi will review the numbers soon.
- Barb Cagley shared the status of the Bicentennial events and the various history connections. Beer festival tickets are already on sale. Some events for next year will depend on whether there are volunteers to run them. Any Bicentennial events should be submitted to their website (avonlake200.org.) We need to make sure Chili, Cemetery and Santa are listed. There will be a Homecoming festival the same day as Taste of Chili (September 29th), with a parade and all schools will have open houses until 3 pm.

## **Committee Reports**

**Building and Operations (BOC)** Tom Patton reported the following:

- We received a quote for sidewalks and steps at PMHM last fall from Concrete & More for \$10,550.00. Tom has asked for other local companies for additional quotes.
- The board is to get concrete options to Tom within the next 2 weeks. The work is to be completed in the fall and timed for when HAL will pick a day for a volunteer team to tear out old construction to save money.
- Some sponsors (old and new) could be encouraged to contribute.
- PMHM Fence will also be replaced in the fall.
- The Directors and Officers Insurance for Board members quote will run about \$500.00 a year. Tom recommends other carriers provide quotes to compare with.
- Gerry needs a backup to help with maintenance and building issues at Folger Home. Chuck will ask Paul.

**Publicity and Marketing (PMC)**: Laura Ploenzke reported the following:

- Errors in program listings can be hard to correct with some newspapers, but she and Nadge are doing their best.
- The Avon Lake Public Library has some volunteers helping scan historic documents and photos.

**Programming and Education (PEC)**: Tony Tomanek and Judy Kaminski reported as follows:

- Beerfest: Tony and Nick had a jail constructed out of PVC pipe for our event to arrest attendees for a donation. The construction cost was \$400. Moved by Tom, seconded by Marty to reimburse Northern Hammerworks for this cost. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Membership**: Gerry reported for Lynn that membership reminder letters have been sent.

## **Old Business**

- Insurance task force: the group must present an option before PMHM coverage expires in October.
- Foundation funding: Chuck reports that the Nord Family Foundation may be able to fund some capital projects or efforts that are tied to education.
- PMHM agreement with City: no response to date.

## **New Business**

- Taste of Chili -- we are three months away. Sandi and Lynn will meet soon to get going.
- Gift and Donation Policy - Tabled

**Meeting was adjourned at 11 am.**

Next meeting: July 18, 2018 at the Folger Home.

Meeting minutes submitted by Gerry Vogel and Tony Tomanek, and edited following the July meeting by Lynn Miller.