

QUEEN VILLAGE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2013

Present: Jeff Hornstein, Bill Landy, Kathy Dilonardo, Maria Roberts (via phone), Peter Ross, Ben Schindler, Carla Puppin (Executive Director)

Not Present: Amy Grant, Lauren Leonard, Kim Maialetti, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Honey Pertnoy, Amy Shelanski

- 1. Minutes.** The minutes from the November 7, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and amended.

*** Peter Ross moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, Bill Landy seconded the motion, and all present approved via unanimous voice vote.**

- 2. Financials.** Bill Landy went through the financial reports with the Board. The balance sheet is at \$89,222. Bill also went through the Profit & Loss statements for November and year-to-date. There has been a draw-down of the reserve of \$14,000 during 2013. Expenses year-to-date were discussed at length. President Jeff Hornstein asks the Finance Committee to look at the reports with a focus on operating expenses so we can do a better budget for 2014. The Board also went through the Restricted Funds Report. There are Discretionary and Restricted Funds of approximately \$43,000, leaving approximately \$46,000 in reserve.

***Cindy Elliott moved that the financial reports be accepted, Peter Ross seconded the motion, and the motion was approved via unanimous voice vote**

- 3. Committees**

- School and Youth:** Leslie Patterson-Tyler reported that she distributed \$5,000 in grant funds from QVNA to Nebinger and Meredith Elementary Schools. Pictures of the principals receiving the checks will be in the next Crier. Nebinger will use the money to purchase technology upgrades (white smart boards for the classroom). Nebinger still needs \$9,000 more to completely outfit every classroom with these learning tools. Meredith will use the money to purchase books for the upcoming PSSA test. Both principals were very appreciative and it was announced in the Nebinger newsletter.

Nebinger Elementary School has expressed a need for holiday support - Thanksgiving dinners and toys for Christmas. Mother Bethel supported their needs for Thanksgiving by providing eighteen \$50 gift cards to Shoprite. QVNA is the fiscal sponsor for their holiday toy drive. The Rittenhouse Consulting Group, under the leadership of new board

member Sean Edwards, is hosting a holiday party/toy drive. Toys collected will go to Nebinger Elementary School.

The committee is planning another school spirit night at Bridget Foy's in February. The date is TBA.

Ten students from Nebinger and Meredith will participate in this Saturday's "Build A Bike Mentoring Workshop" at Mother Bethel AME Church. This annual event is sponsored by the NY Jets Offensive Lineman D'Brickashaw Ferguson. Students from McCall will also participate. The students were selected based on academic performance, citizenship, and family need.

- b. Clean and Green: Lauren Leonard reported that Christmas tree recycling will be held in January. There will also be abandoned bike removal on January 11th. Lauren would like to see the February general meeting have a Clean & Green theme.
 - c. Party Planning: Carla Puppin reported that there will be wine tasting during the holiday party for those who pre-register. There will be a raffle. Commitments to provide food have been made by Shanks, New Wave, Pietro's, For Pete's Sake, Chef's Table and Kennett. Carla needs people to bring wine, soft drinks and ice, and she needs three people to help with clean up. Rich Miller may provide some form of music.
 - d. Finance: Ben Schindler reported that the committee will work on budget in January and fund-raising efforts.
4. **Executive Director's Report**: Carla reported that thirty trees were planted in Queen Village in November.
 5. **New Business**: Threaded with VIRTUE will hold its second annual fund-raiser on Saturday at Old Pine, called the Snow Ball. The Board bought 5 tickets, which will be donated to group.
 6. **President's Report**
 - a. ILMC Update: ILMC (Interstate Land Management Corporation) has accepted our proposal for the combined north and south parking lots. Jeff reported that it will take Parkway Corporation, which manages the lots, until March 1st to get second lot up and running. It appears there was some confusion initially about whether our lease starts January 1st or March 1st, but Jeff will hold out for a March 1st start date. Carla will double-check with Parkway. PennDOT's general counsel still has to agree to general terms; upon approval, it's a done deal. Ed Kerlin is the new director of ILMC.

- b. Weccacoe: There was a meeting on Sunday at Mother Bethel about the graveyard and playground renovation issues. Rev. Mark Tyler hired someone to run meeting. Rev. Tyler also reached out to descendants of Richard Allen (founder of Mother Bethel AME), who signed a letter supporting the playground on the site. Councilman Mark Squilla will work with the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative on funding for the new community center; the current center is located over most of graveyard.

- c. Crosstown Coalition: The Crosstown Coalition will become a formal organization. Twenty civic groups are interested in joining. Civic groups will be asked to make an initial financial contribution to join. The Coalition is looking toward a citywide gubernatorial forum – each candidate would meet individually with the Coalition. This organization would create a civic voice in counterpoint to business organizations.

- d. Property Taxes: Tax bills haven't gone out yet because they are waiting for the Commonwealth to finish related legislation. The City is sending out LOOP (Longtime Owner Occupants Program) material to residents who have owned their houses for 10 years or more and who make less than \$80,000 a year.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy A. Elliott
Recording Secretary