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## Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, June 2, 2016

Board Members Attending: Eleanor Ingersoll (Executive Vice President), Duncan Spencer (Vice President), Ben Schindler (Treasurer), Jeff Hornstein (Secretary), Melissa Donnelly, Inez Green, Maria Frizelle Roberts, Justin Fishman, and Frank Tavani

Staff: Yael Levin

Board Members Absent: Lauren Leonard (President), Joe Felicetti, Amy Grant, and Sharnell Croom.

Guests: Cathy Conway (Emeritus), Ruth Krieger (neighbor at 6<sup>th</sup> and Christian), Kathy DiLonardo (Chair Grants Committee), Betty Borowdiak (Friends of Gateway Green member), Ellen Wurster (Friends of Gateway Green member), **Barry Perrin** and Dan Clark (new program coordinator for Summer at Courtyard program).

## Grants Presentation

Kathy Dilonardo, Chair of the Grants Committee, presented the grant proposals received. Three proposals were received. Kathy and the Committee are recommending that all three be awarded funding in the amount of \$4,950.

The first grant is requested by Fleisher Art Memorial for \$2,000 for an “ArtSpiration” program. Fleisher will provide matching funding in the amount of \$2,000.

The second grant is requested by Friends of Nebinger for \$2,000 for theater program. The program will include 15 sessions for 24 children and end with a performance. Friends of Nebinger will contribute \$1,300 to the program.

The third grant is requested by the Quality of Life Committee under Lauren Leonard, President for \$950 for signs using humor and art to encourage neighbors to act responsibly. Lauren Leonard and Sarah McCorriston, Paradigm Gallery, are the proposal writers.

**Motion to approve Committee recommendations for grant funding to Fleisher Art Memorial for \$2,000, Friends of Nebinger for \$2,000 and the Quality of Life Committee for \$950 for a total of \$4,950. Motion passed unanimously.**

Recommendations were made by the Board to improve the grant review process including, making a calendar and giving more notice that grant cycles are open and developing themes for grant cycles.

## Guest Presentations

Ruth Krieger shared her feedback on the development project at 601 Christian using the portion of the Zoning Code that allows for greater height allowances if a grocery store is provided on the ground level. Ms. Krieger wondered if there is opportunity to adjust this portion of the code if it is simply being used to acquire additional height for a building project. Jeff Hornstein suggested the concerned neighbors work through the Crosstown Coalition to determine if there is any action that could be taken on this issue.

Betty Borowdiak (Friends of Gateway Green member) and Ellen Wurster (Friends of Gateway Green member) shared information on the current status of the Gateway Green project. Both, along with Maria Frizelle Roberts, asked questions about how to move forward with obtaining a permit from PennDOT to begin the project and how to request administrative support for the project from QVNA staff. A discussion began around the grant that Friends of Gateway Green received from XYZ was applied for by Carla Puppini and Marge, but now the current QVNA staff and Board are trying to manage. Grant is a matching grant or just reimbursement, 15% of total grant? The Grant won't cover the costs for TEND. QVNA has paid the invoices for TEND?

## President's Report

N/A – President absent.

## Treasurer's Report

Ben Schindler presented the May financials to the Board. Funds for Friends of Gateway Green and Tree Tenders are both in the negative. The first needs to be worked out and the second needs funding transferred. Question asked on whether Tree Tenders is a Board Committee or Friends Group. Need to determine this distinction with this group.

**Motion to approve May financials. Motion passed unanimously.**

## Executive Director's Report

The Queen Village homes tour raised a total of \$839 before costs.

Issues continue with the Parking Lot arm being broken by vehicles wanting to enter the lot without paying. Discussion began on how to improve the system for parking in the lot with hang tags and what to do about the arm being broke repeatedly.

A letter of agreement was completed with a CPA to do QVNA's 990 for \$2,500. Yael and Ben would like to look for another CPA option with more experience with non-profit taxes.

## Committee and Task Force Reports

### Schools and Youth – Eleanor Ingersoll

The principal from Meredith School is retiring. Lauren Overton, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher with a Master's in Education from Penn will be the new principal. Daniel Clark will be the program coordinator for the Summer at Courtyard program.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.*