

## CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

September 11, 2018

Submitted by Terry Babb

In Attendance: Rob Todd, Kirke Harper, Steve Friedberg, Terry Babb, Jake Flory, Bill Sewell, Abby West, Pat Flory

### Minutes

July minutes distributed by email in advance and approved by motion from Bill, second by Kirke and unanimous vote. Kirke confirmed name of Choptank Forester Brian Hall for the July minutes.

### Treasurers Report

- Checking balance \$6,231.59. Money market \$20,227.99. Steve transfers from money market to checking to cover expenses.
- Insurance payment of \$2,003 is due – up from \$1,866. The policy should be shopped around, and we also need to have the building re-appraised.

### Membership

- Terry reported we had collected dues in the amount of \$340 from 68 members, including Kirke and Linda who were not at the picnic and Kirke paid Steve at this meeting.
- In addition there was \$510 in extra contributions collected at the picnic. This does not include any of the funds for the aprons, t-shirts or hats.

### Street Lights

- Last month Steve notified board that electric bill for streetlights had increased \$10 per month or an additional \$120 per year. There was discussion whether we needed to keep all existing lights.
- Abby checked with some folks nearest to the lights to see how they felt. Based on input motion made and approved to drop the issue and continue as is.

### Budget

- Rob will prepare written update next month. In general \$6,000+ is needed per year to cover annual expenses. Rob sets aside \$2,900 to jumpstart the fiscal year because of expenses due right away (like insurance). That leaves us about \$17,000 in existing funds. What do we want to get done?
- The countertop contribution has been funded, along with an additional \$1,600 contribution for under-mount sinks, and is part of existing general fund. The Scotts have offered to contribute faucets. Pat and Martha will go to Warrens and make selection.
- We have a quote of \$1,480 to refinish floors. Also plan to finish up the annex porch, steps and foundation. We will put off the \$5,800 ramp and \$5,500 ADA parking space but we won't be able to get final occupancy permit until both are finished.

- There is a tree in the back that is dangerously close to falling and needs to come out. We will work on getting an estimate from Jess. Will was going to check on a price from Bartlett so Rob will let him know we are going to check with Jess.

### Building

- Will is working away on the deck and putting in the kitchen cabinets. Next is template for countertops.
- The steps to the front porch of annex need to be pulled out and Bill said he could do that with his backhoe.
- Jake and Rob will finish the plumbing.
- We have to renew the building permit since we won't be able to get final approval until we can get ramp and ADA parking done.

### ESLC/Resiliency

- Kirke reported on Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) interest in Rural Resilience Hubs and affiliation with Urban Resilience League. Jim Bass is heading this up. One of the sponsors is a solar energy company. Kirke, Rob and Jack Harrald are meeting with them Monday and will talk about Claiborne as a possible model.
- Kirke showed a copy of the book that Jack collaborated on - The Disaster Resilience Challenge. Jack is well connected with this concept and was very instrumental in assisting Claiborne with the initial meetings, approvals and permits for the hall.

### Program Committee

- Pat reported that we are working on a fall "semi-celebration" to show the incredible progress made. The date will be November 3 for a 6 p.m. potluck. The Harralds are donating a musical group. Rob is working on the recognition plaques.
- An idea was mentioned to create posters that tell what has been done in each area. We want this to be a kick off for fundraising.
- We still plan to have our regular Holiday potluck and general meeting in December.

### Traffic Calming/Village Entrance

- Kirke reviewed all the changes the county made while roads were being resurfaced – includes speed limit changes and signs, traffic humps to slow speeds, additional stop sign at the top of the hill from the landing.
- He is working on the agreement with the Snowdens so we can proceed with Choptank/Green Thumb on entrance planting. He also plans to talk to those who live in that area in advance.
- Jess Murphy has some trees in his yard that should be planted but they are too big for under electric lines. One idea was for the corner of Ralph's house where a big tree was removed as there are no electric lines.

### New Business

- Bill mentioned the need to create access behind the hall if we are to plant the orchard. This could be done after harvest. We also need to create a swale. There may be some additional dirt available if needed in other spots.
- Kirke brought up the fact that Jack Harrald has contributed so much to the concept of a resiliency center, which was so instrumental to the success of being able to move forward. Kirke motioned that the board consider a separate name for the resiliency center – something along the lines of Claiborne Village Hall and Jack (John R.?) Harrald Resiliency Center to honor Jack’s contribution. This motion can be considered and voted by email or at the October meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.