

CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

October 8, 2019

Submitted by Jim Richardson, secretary

In Attendance: Brian Boos, Kirke Harper, Rob Todd, Jim Richardson, Bill Sewell, Abby West, Steve Friedberg, Martha Hamlyn.

Kirke called meeting to order.

Minutes

- September minutes distributed by email in advance and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Steve reported the checking balance was \$2,725.41 to date.
- The endowment fund is now at \$61,208.43..

Program Committee

- Martha reported on the "impromptu potluck" on the Monday of Labor Day weekend was very successful and the committee thought that we should have another potluck in the near future , (exact date to be announced shortly).
- In addition, December's potluck is scheduled for the 14th.
- On December 13, there will be a contra dance concert at the Hall arranged by Busy Graham.
- A grant application to help sponsor concerts at the Hall has been submitted to the Talbot County Arts Council.
- Martha reported the Program Committee spent approximately \$600.00 last year on events.
- It was also suggested that we need to celebrate our occupancy permit sometime in the future.
- Movie night starts in January. Kirke will ask if there is anyone interested in being the Movie Czar (Renny?).

Building Committee

- Rob reported the ramp and parking lot are finished. There is still the question of whether we want to limit the parking only to handicapped parking.
- Will has scheduled our final occupancy permit inspection on October 15, after he arrives home.. In addition, we need to schedule before that date a final septic inspection, a "low voltage" inspection, and have an exit light over the front door installed. Rob also reported that the attic above the Hall has now

been insulated and he has ordered a key lock for the new door to access the building from the ramp.

Old Business

- Talbot County will provide us with an AED and also give us instruction on how to use it.
- Abby reported that she has arranged for someone to come and meet with her to see if the building is acceptable for hosting a blood drive at the Hall. Rob suggested that we advertize outside the community if we have the event.
- Kirke asked the board members if moving the post office boxes from the Hall to the Annex was a resolved issue. Martha replied that the St. Michaels post master was expecting that the boxes would be moved to a heated space in the new addition. A decision was made to move the boxes to the new space as planned. Jim offered to form a small committee and to work with Will to make this happen.

New Business

- Kirke expressed his desire to get more people in the community involved with tasks at the Hall.
- Kirke reported that Katie Snowden reaffirmed her commitment to use a piece of her land behind the Hall for the purpose of an orchard. Kirke also suggested we ask Choptank Electric to donate trees and that we possibly consider adding paths, benches and fences to the project. Rob suggested we limit the orchard to the area behind our property. Jim will form a committee for establishing an orchard.
- A discussion about the Hall's future generator was the next subject. Kirke questioned whether the community's generator for the water system would be better suited for the Hall. Brian volunteered to talk with Renny to see if this idea was a possibility.
- Installing a brick landing at the new entrance: Jim volunteered to take charge of this project. Kirke and Bill volunteered to be on the committee.
- Rob reported that he has recently purchased the web domain from Mary and plans to rebuild Pete's website.
- Jim said he will talk to Will about the feasibility of forming an independent partnership to purchase the Higgin's property next door.

Next meeting date: November 12, 7PM

Motion to adjourn at 8.00 pm