

CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

March 11, 2014

Submitted by Terry Babb

**In Attendance:**

Kirke Harper, Molly Bond, Terry Babb, Judy Harrald, Jake Flory, Jess Murphy, Pat Flory, Pete Gregorio

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Kirke Harper since Mary Gregorio is out of town. February minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer reported \$42,720.05 balance, which is slightly less than last month because we made a down payment on the sidewalk.

Brick Walk

Brick walk is beautiful – thanks to Jess and crew! We will be able to add more engraved bricks as we go along by pulling out the plain ones.

Board Insurance

Kirke wasn't able to get an insurance quote. He has emailed Buddy Harrington's agency in St. Michaels. Judy said she would do some checking.

Street Light Electric Bill

The electric bill for streetlights is back to the \$42. The reason is because we do have 4 lights including the security light past Jim and Martha's. There used to be 5. Martha was receiving the bill and at one point was collecting money to pay for the lights. The electric bill at the hall was \$98 in February whereas it has always been between \$20 to \$50 or so. It was really cold and everyone's bills were high.

Dry Hydrants

This is being explored with the county. We think the county has installed dry hydrants at some of the wharfs.

HVAC Quotes

Kirke got an estimate of \$25,000 for conventional HVAC and is getting another estimate. Had discussion about a split unit heat pump. This type of system is ductless and would cool and heat but during very cold we could still use the existing baseboard heat as a supplement if needed.

Program Committee and Events

- Wednesday movie night will continue through April.
- April 28 is the last of the concert series and will also be a potluck. Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo will be bringing a Filipino stew.
- March 16 Barbara Reisert has arranged for Margaret Sherman Bryan, a former resident, to speak at the hall about what Claiborne was like growing up here.
- We have had 3 concerts and through the \$10 per person donations we have covered all but \$50. There was discussion what we should do if the donations go

over the guarantee amount. It was the consensus of the board that it would go back to the association in a separate fund that could be used to help sponsor some future events.

- There was discussion about need for more volunteers to help the program committee with prep and cleanup.
- There was discussion of the need for a short 10 minute general meeting and whether this could be included as part of the April 28 concert and potluck. We would be asking for volunteers for nominating committee.

New Business/Miscellaneous

- County received grant of \$75,000 for the living shoreline. Jack Harrald will be meeting with Clay Stamp, now the acting county manager, and will ask about progress on the easement issue.
- Pete and Mary plan to have table for local artisans at the SMVFD spring flea market and the proceeds will be donated back to the fire department.
- It was agreed that the Association would send a donation of \$100 to the fire department.
- Judy brought up an idea for a "community watch" program where people would volunteer to drive around the community at night, especially down at the landing. She will make a presentation at the next meeting.
- Kirke will call Wayne Sutphin and ask status of the septic study.
- Pete reported that he, Mary and Mike Kabler discussed ways to make this a green building – with composting toilets and gray water system. They are going to make a trip to Annapolis to see the Chesapeake Bay Foundation building. Jake said he could call Mary Todd and arrange a tour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday April 8.