

CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

January 14, 2020

Submitted by Jim Richardson, secretary

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

Kirke called the meeting to order.

He began the meeting by making the extremely sad announcement that our dear friend Lynn Lansdale had died. The board's deepest sympathies go out to Page and all the Lansdale family.

Minutes

- January minutes distributed by email in advance and approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Steve reported the checking balance was \$2,391.00 to date.
- The money market fund is now at \$18,869.59

President's Report

Kirke reported that the fundraising effort is presently in limbo. The Association has only one party on board willing to provide a matching fund. Kirke plans to complete a fundraising letter stating a goal of raising \$20,000 and the 2020 campaign will run until March 1. Rob and Kirke met with Libby Moose and shared with her the Stewardship Report of 2019. Libby suggested that we incorporate a strategic plan in order to receive money from our biggest donors.

The Strategic plan would include:

- 1) List of projects we want to accomplish next.
- 2) Description of how we would pay for these projects.
- 3) A plan to attract younger members and then train them to take over leadership positions.

Kirke said he is in the process of creating a project list that he will share with us at our next meeting.

Building Committee

- 1) We now officially have our Occupancy Permit
- 2) There has been no progress in moving the mailboxes.

New Business

Rob demonstrated the new website he designed including:

- 1) Home page
- 2) Menu
- 3) History and Background
- 4) Newsletter (2007 - present)
- 5) Governance - including names of current board members, bylaws, vision statement, and meeting minutes from past years.
- 6) Community Link

There was a motion to approve the new website and it was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Shay may be interested in doing interviews with Claiborne residents.

Kirke said he had the Moon's collections of newsprints and photos of Miracle House.

Brian reported on purchasing a new generator for the Hall. We need a 30-40 kw machine to run everything, including heating and air conditioning. System would run approx. \$28,000.

The question was raised whether we need all that or would we want something that would run only a percentage of our energy needs, such as lights, refrigerator, running water. No decision was made at this time.

Kirke reported on MAERD Grants.

He brought up the question of whether we still want the Claiborne Hall to be a resilience center. No decision made.

Patti's Orchard: Jess Murphy estimates that it would cost \$2200.00 to clear the backyard of brush and small trees. The estimate includes a chipper but does not include large tree removal.

Old Business

Abby reported on the Claiborne Blood Drive effort. We were not able to obtain enough signatures so the blood drive is postponed for this year.

Program Committee

Future events:

- 1)Invited Jennifer Shay to show her video on the Tilghman Packing Plant. Date to be announced.
- 2)There is a possibility of having a "play night" at the Hall (read a play)
- 3)Gene Meyer, author of the non-fiction book "Five for Freedom" will have a book reading in March, and they will start a pop-up book club before the event. Also plan to invite Sherwood residents to the event .
- 4)March 14 event: Scheduling a movie and a Guinness Night for St. Patrick's Day
- 5)Schedule an open-mike night in March during a weekend.
- 6)Schedule a General Meeting sometime in April with possibly brunch.
- 7) May 2 - Cinco de Mayo celebration of the building's occupancy permit.

There was a motion to place the money collected from the J.R. Richardson party and the Libby Moose party into the Endowment Fund. Motion carried.

Tenny's Report

Tenny reported that Dan Small, an expert in quail habitat, was looking for groups of people to talk to about maintaining quail habitat. Tenny said he would explore the possibility of having him come talk to Claiborne residents.

Next meeting date: February 11, 7PM (later moved to Feb 18)

Meeting adjourned at 8.40 pm