



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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**Minutes of the Board Meeting
July 2, 2016**

In attendance

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| Michelle Phipps-Evans | Phillip Hammond | Jeanne Contardo | Delia Perry |
| Deborah Johnson | Ruth Lewis | Kenneth Burke | |
| Mary F. Ross | Monica H. Evans | Michelle Peete | |

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:38am by Michelle Phipps-Evans, 1st Vice President.

The minutes for the June 4, 2016 meeting were read by Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved with corrections.

The July 2, 2016 Treasurer’s Report was distributed. Monica Evans reviewed the report. Michelle Phipps-Evans indicated that there is limited budget funding. No one sent ideas over the past month for resolving the budget issues.

Michelle Phipps-Evans indicated that there was a returned membership check with a bank fee of \$12.00. As soon as the Monica receives it, she will let us know. The individual is normally expected to make the check good and pay the fee. Question – Is this what we want to do this time? It was agreed that Monica would reach out to the individual requesting the cost and fee.

Scholarship funds are \$122.00 now.

The budget discussion was tabled.

Committee Reports

Communications – Ruth Lewis

No report. The Newsletter was delivered before the meeting.

Education and Recreation – Jeanne Contardo

Scholarship recipient will attend the Membership meeting. The check will be presented to the awardee. The Committee is considering fundraising options. They will come up with a plan.

Environment – Mary Ross

The Committee reviewed the budget again due to the limited funds. \$99.30 was spent on the Butterfly Garden instead of \$200.00. There was a savings also on the tree saplings purchase. There will be no picnic after the Fall cleanup saving \$100.00. There will be no purchase of pick up sticks saving \$100.00. The prizes for the poster contest were not reduced. \$300.00 is still needed for the prizes and \$50.00 for refreshments.

The budget is now \$538.25 instead of \$950.00. The Committee now needs \$350.00 after the amounts already spent.

Membership – Phil Hammond

110 postcards were mailed. A few were returned. Phil Hammond is receiving responses. In the future it is recommended to all whose membership has expired to send post card reminders instead of phone calls. Jeanne Contardo was thanked for her work on this.

Phil Hammond indicated that HCCA has 313 members.

Fundraising – Michelle Peete

The Committee is focused on soliciting people and companies to contribute to the HCCA. Letters are going out to companies in the area and on Capitol Hill.

Ideas – Auction similar to the one for Anne Beers. There could be a holiday auction. Hillcrest has many people with resources and skill sets.

Question – What does the HCCA do for the community? Discussion - People need to understand this so they would be willing to contribute to fundraising. We need to do a more effective job of reaching out to people to say what we do for them and what we need.

We should tell the Membership of the budget problem.

Question – How much do other civic associations charge for membership? Need something comparative. Michelle Phipps-Evans will look into this.

Membership Requests, Community Concerns & Miscellaneous

Open Discussion

Board Elections– Michelle Phipps-Evans looked into the HCCA By Laws on this. A Nominating Committee needs to be established. The Board picks the person to Chair this committee. The Board will ask for volunteers to Chair and also ask people to volunteer to serve on the committee. The next term is 2017/2018. Board members were asked to decide their interest in continuing to serve on the Board.

Hillcrest Day – Delia Perry gave the update. \$5,000 was raised for the event already. \$3,700 was spent last year. Earl Williams obtained the \$5,000 contribution from Walmart. He is still asking for funds from Skyland. It is believed that there will be a balance of expenditures this year. The stage will be smaller. The tentative date is October 15th. The Committee is still reaching out to Safeway. Cosco may give food donations. Will look into The Arch for stage performances. Delia will go over this at the Membership meeting.

Palisades Parade, July 4th – Robyn Marlin is leading it this year. There will be no community partnership banner. We will be marching as Hillcrest. Question – What is the reason for the Palisades Partnership? Response - The partnership started with art then grew from there. Miles Steele handled it.

Vincent Gray is supposed to attend the Membership meeting. Since today is a community forum, we can compile the list of concerns/issues and give him a copy.

Gary Butler said he would attend also. He is an Independent candidate and is still trying to get signatures to be on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary