

CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 27, 2023 , at 7:00pm

In Person at SCHA, 500 W. Willow Grove Ave. – Haber Room

In person – Joyce Lenhardt, Lynn Schroder, Lucie Daigle, Christina Reichert, Ross Pilling, Cathy Brzozowski, Greg Lattanzi, Beth Wright, David Caulk, (Jason Pierce), Laura Lucas, Richard Bartholomew, Matt Rutt, Lindsey Toconita, Lawrence McEwen, Kathi Clayton, Ron Pete, Alexander Burns, Cynthia Fillmore, Timothy Breslin

Virtual – Janel Baselice

Guests - Anne McNiff, Karen Pilling

1. President's Welcome

Congrats to Beth Wright and her efforts. Great article about Highland Station.

Local and Mt. Airy Neighbors and CHCA – Held well attended debate between Seth Anderson-Oberman and Cindy Bass. Carla Robinson of the CH Local and Cherri Gregg (WHYY) was co-moderator.

Approval of March 2023 minutes – David Caulk makes motion to approve. Laura Lucas seconds. All in favor.

2. Governance

a. Governance Committee recommendation of changes to the by-laws

Last meeting held on April 24. A thorough reading of the bylaws – reordering and clarification of language and structure of bylaws.

The bulk of the bylaw changes presented in the materials for today's meeting. Key issue to clarify details around having a treasurer who is not a board member. Recommendations from EC incorporated into bylaw changes.

Member Elected Directors – 2 of 3 EC seats must be filled by member elected board members. Appointed Organization directors. Standing advisory committees simplified. Eliminating term "standing". To clarify: an "advisory" is fully seated by board members. A "committee" is a mix of board and non-board members.

Beth Wright makes a motion to approve changes. David Caulk seconds. All in favor.

b. Nominated Appointed Organizational Directors names presented for approval by board:

Appointed Institutional partners – individuals named (board vote results after each individual name.)

- Chestnut Hill Hospital – Cathy Brzozowski – All in favor.
- Conservancy – Richard Bartholomew – All in favor.
- Woodmere Art Museum – Anne Standish – All in favor.
- Jenks – Janel Baselice – All in favor.
- CH Bid – Ron Pete – All in favor. Chestnut Hill College – Sarah Hale (Annual giving manager.) – All in favor.

c. Review of Budget & Finance Committee Charter (vote needed)

All of board official committees will now have standardized charters. Budget & Finance Committee Charter first one. Superb effort. CH Fund not included.

Community fund board sits outside of CHCA. CHCA approves board members and grants. Jason Pierce is only the treasurer for the CHCA.

Request for regular reporting of CH Fund. Traditionally, the annual meeting is when the reporting takes place each year.

Laura Lucas makes motion to approve. Lawrence McEwen seconds. All in favor.

3. Election

a. Presentation of projected costs

Last year was the first year of electronic voting. Very successful. \$300 subscription fee for online voting service. Email and name must be registered in the online portal in order to vote. Will Standish is available by phone to register emails for electronic voting.

b. Request for volunteers to be Judges of Election

Judges need to be available the day after annual meeting, June 23. 10am – 4pm. If you are running you cannot be a judge.

c. Reminder to Board Members whose terms are expiring

Email re: those board members who were up for renewal. All ballots are due the 22nd of May at 10am. All board members must be a CHCA member. Renew membership by the 31st of May.

4. Annual Appeal Wrap-up

At the time of this report the total amount raised by the annual appeal - \$172,104.41.

Last year we raised - \$84,000.

Total raised - \$13,326.13 from board members.

Total number of board donations - 27 out of 29 members.

Special thanks to the members of the annual appeal committee and the staff. Especially Jenny McHugh, for assisting in connecting the CHCA to some of the more significant appeal donors. And special thanks to Kathi Clayton for her extraordinary effort.

5. Business Corridor Working Group Update

Group has gone forward as far as they can. Going over the finer points with Ian at the planning commission in order to make sure that we aren't debating things that aren't part of the scope of the commission. Larger presentation at next meeting.

7. Physical Division – Annual report on 2022 physical division activities – any discussion or questions should be held to May meeting. Celeste Hardester, Development review coordinator, put together the report. It is a report of the applications that came before us and the actions that were taken.

8. Social Division

a. Board participation in upcoming CHCA events

b. Pastorius Park Concerts 2023 –

The Chestnut Hill Hospital will be the main sponsor for the concerts in the park with a \$10,000 donation. Each week someone attends from the hospital to share updates on the hospital to the community. Also the primary sponsor for Meals on Wheels.

Need individual concert sponsors to help fund the event. Currently two lined up, and need five more concert sponsors (\$1,000). Will send out the sponsorship sheet. Ron Pete and the Chestnut Hill Hotel have offered to sponsor five concerts for \$5,000.

Sheet handed out to sign up for Pastorius Park concert.

c. Fall Frolic

October 5 proposed date.

Need to start finding sponsors –

Considering the removal of the sit down diner, which would allow for greater participation, socialization.

d. Holiday House Tour

House tour December 6. 2nd House Tour Meeting April 12. The committee is already ahead of the game. Food and music committee set up. Five trolleys set up. Three houses confirmed. One additional maybe. Hoping for at least two more. Seeing a possible fourth house later this week. Tour tickets are \$50 for non-members. Still looking for designers. One committed so far.

Sunday, May 7 - Home and garden event. Will need board volunteers to assist running the table. It will be shared with the Chestnut Hill Local.

9. Membership

1414 active members. March 21 new members. 66 renewals. Full-time staff member really helping in membership efforts. Continued growth in new membership over the last five years. Sunday, May 7 - Home and garden event. Great opportunity to engage community as future members.

10. Questions or comments on appointed organizational directors and community partners

- Highland train station gardens looks beautiful. Perhaps there could be a CHCA coffee and doughnuts event to gather and celebrate the success, inviting members of the community. Possibly 5 -7 with wine or cocktails. Proposed date: Wednesday – June 7.

- Jenks – International Baccalaureate Candidacy. Hired a Spanish teacher already. Lots of excitement. Possible upcoming board meeting at Jenks.

End of meeting – 8:07pm.