

CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Thursday, March 23, 2023 , at 7:00pm

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

Attendance: In person – Laura Lucas, Christina Reichert, Ross Pilling, Cathy Brzozowski, Lynn Schroeder, Lucie Daigle, Jeff Duncan, Greg Lattanzi, David Caulk, Tony Banks, Kathi Clayton, Alexander Burns, Larry McEwen, Camille Peluso, Ron Pete.

Zoom – Jason Pierce, Janel Baselice, Abria Gaines, Anne Standish

Guests – Anne McNiff – CHCA Executive Director, Jay Pennie – CH Rotary, Ellen Williams – CH Rotary, Maggie Stoeffel – CH Rotary

1. President's Welcome

a. approval of February 2023 minutes - Laura Lucas motion to approve. Jeff Duncan seconds. All approve.

2. Presentation by CH Rotary – Maggie Stoeffel and Ellen Williams

1.4 million Rotarians worldwide. 45 members in Chestnut Hill. 47 million volunteer hours worldwide. Part of global eradication of polio. Third Thursday happy hours at 4:30pm. Values service. Friendship. Continuing education from speakers at breakfast meetings – 7:30am on Wednesdays. Ethical commitment – 4-way test. Time and treasure. Lobster pot is a successful annual fundraiser. Please join.

3. Governance

a. EC recommendation of organizations to be voted on to serve as Appointed Organization

- 1) Chestnut Hill Hospital
- 2) Jenks
- 3) Woodmere
- 4) Conservancy
- 5) CH Business District
- 6) Chestnut Hill College

Laura Lucas motion to recommend. Jeff Duncan seconded. Janel Baselice, Anne Standish, Cathy Brzozowski all recused themselves. All other board members approved.

4. Brief update on John-David W. Franklin v. CHCA, Chestnut Hill Local, et al.

2020 - John-David W. Franklin lawsuit for defamation of character. Chestnut Hill Local does layout / graphic design for East Falls local newspaper. CH Local and the CHCA have been named in a lawsuit because of an article that was printed in the East Falls Now paper. The lawsuit is covered under DNO insurance. In addition, John-David W. Franklin filed second lawsuit against the CHCA, CH Local, and two former staff members . CHCA will be part of the April 17 court ordered mediation. If unsuccessful trial will take place in mid-July.

5. Annual Appeal - Kathi Clayton

Real progress has been made since last month. One week left. \$114,000 raised (not including challenge grant), 339 donations (268 last year). Bird in Hand donated \$10,000 to the Community Association. A new \$5,000 challenge grant from Will and Kim Whetzel – will match any new donations to the CHCA up to \$5,000.

a. March 9 friend-raising event with CH Local wrap-up – Special thanks to SCH and to Jenny McHugh for donating the space and the drinks. And to Matines Café for donating the food. People especially enjoyed reading through the archival editions of the Local on display.

6. Social Division – Lynn Schroeder

a. Hoops Madness Wrap-up – 288 children and adults playing in Hoops Madness. Very well attended. Grossed close to \$10,000 in revenue. Thanks to all who volunteered. Special thanks to Matt Rutt and his daughters who were great help at the snack bar.

b. Holiday House Tour - First meeting was on March 8. 11 people showed up, and 4 additional people reached out to join the committee. Every committee now has a chair. Lucie Daigle, Cia Guerin, and Lynn Schroeder are co-chairs. Still on the lookout for several more houses, please recommend.

c. Ice Skating in April Party – Membership Event on April 22. Fun family and neighbor event. \$10 for non-members. Includes food and skates. Suggested by Laura Lucas.

7. Membership – Anne McNiff

Currently 1,300 members. 57% have been members since before 2016.

8. Questions on Institutional Board Member reports

Very thorough reports sent out prior to board meetings. Please make sure you read them.

9. Community Input

Our Mother of Consolation. Community at large has rallied around OMC after the school's fire. Will be sending out information as to what is needed and what can be done to help. Despite the tragedy, it has been great to see the community come together to support OMC.