

Chestnut Hill Community Association Board Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2020

Members Present

Tony Banks, Susan Bray, Catherine Brzozowski, Lucie Daigle, Craig Hosay, Andy Kite, Keith Kunz, Joyce Lenhardt, Karl Martin, Laura Lucas, Larry McEwen, Jenny McHugh, Hillary O'Carroll, Lynn Schroeder, Jean Wedgwood, Bradley Wells

Members Absent

Jason Bissonette, Kathi Clayton, Patricia Cove, Lindsey D'Angelo, Marilyn Paucker, Jason Pierce, Dan Pulka, Richard Snowden, Anne Standish

Others Attending:

Anne McNiff, CHCA Executive Director

Laura Lucas, Board President, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

President's Welcome

- Approval of Agenda: After the roll call, it was moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Approval of November 2019 minutes: It was moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- CH Local Treasurer – Don Veon has been appointed the Treasurer. Thank you to Karl Martin for his help in interviewing Mr. Veon.

Physical Division

- Joyce Lenhardt gave an overview of items that are currently on the DRC/LUPZ's agenda.
- Updated DRC/LUPZ guidelines will be presented to the Board for approval at March meeting.

Executive Director Update

- Anne reviewed the greening activity that has taken place at the Upper Water Tower park and was funding by the CHCA.
- Anne handed out the 2020 Meeting Calendar and 2020 Committee roster
- 2020 Membership Initiative
 - Initiative roll out took place on January 1st.
 - Numbers to-date – 182, 34 are new, 148 renewals since 1/3/2020
 - Member only events – Birding event 2/29 sold out (12), Steinway concert 2/23 (15)
 - Upcoming marketing activities – postcard mailing to all 19118 (except members), FB & Instagram ads targeting 19118-19119, different for different demographics, lawn signs, meetings with landlords/renter groups

Social Division Updates

- Holiday House Tour – Andy Kite gave an overview on a very successful event with over 600 attendees. Thank you to all the sponsors, volunteers and homeowners who made it possible
- Holiday Parade – Anne reported that the Parade had unfortunately been cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Hoops Madness – Anne reported that the annual basketball tournament that has over 300 attendees (players and their families) will be March 21 from 9am – 1pm. We will need volunteers the day of and are actively seeking sponsors.

Annual Appeal

- Susan Bray reported that the Appeal is going well and we are ahead of where we were at this time last year but still a considerable distance from our goal. She reiterated the importance of having every board member donate.

Follow-up to Chestnut Hill Hospital's Community Needs Assessment report

- Laura asked the Board to consider ideas on how we could help the hospital meet goals of community involvement.

Community Partner Updates

Water Tower Advisory Group – Keith Kunz reported:

- Cindy Bass was instrumental in getting Parks & Rec Dept to repair Boiler, so the Center has heat. This is just a temporary fix.
- A GoFundMe page has been set up to raise money for repairs/replacement of the rest of the heating system.
- The roof has been fixed.

Chestnut Hill Hospital - Cathy Brzozowski reported:

- The hospital is very busy with its expanded programs and additional staff
- CH Hospital physicians will be running some spring programs at satellite locations.

Springside Chestnut Hill Academy – Jenny McHugh reported:

- SCHA has opened an early childhood center for 20 students. The goal is to keep the cost of the program affordable. The program is in the Jordan Building.

Chestnut Hill Conservancy – Susan Bray reported:

- The Architectural Hall of Fame event was a great success with the following receiving awards:
Stagecrafters Theater / Peters House
The Venetian Club
Anglecot
Houston Sauveur House
Chestnut Hill Free Library

Thank you to Springside Chestnut Hill Academy for hosting the January meeting.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.