

REVISED DRAFT HCF Board Meeting

Minutes

Sept 23, 2019

Sunset Office Building

Present: Michael Reunert (Chair), Amy Houchen (Vice-chair), Rick Seifert (Secretary), Jim Kuhn (Treasurer), Lara Jones., Robin Jensen, Eamon Molloy, Anne Prescott

Guests: Spencer French, Mike Roach (former board member)

August 28, 2019 minutes approved: The minutes were approved with amendments.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Jim Kuhn reported that as of August 31, 2019, our Balance Sheet showed \$26,237.55 in assets. The amount includes a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Josh Kadish. Stage expenses paid for by the foundation came to \$7,075. Jim reported that there have been no PayPal contributions via the we site in the past 30 days.

Concerts and Events: Robin reported that attendance at the concerts on the new stage continued to be small. Forty was anticipated but the numbers have been nearer to 25. The vendors, however, have been pleased with the new business. Next year's advertising needs to be better. The events committee, chaired by Michael, will convene to discuss with others ways to grow attendance.

Hopewell House: Mike and Rick gave an update on the work of the "Friends of Hopewell House" group seeking to reopen the hospice. Mike and Rick are members of the group.

Food Front: Mike and Rick also gave an update on Food Front and its status. Rick reported that the \$1063 raised for the Foundation in the August Round-up program has not been paid but that FF's general manager Brian Lynch has assured us that it will eventually be.

Spencer French: Spencer, who has applied to be a member of the board, was introduced and shared some of his background which includes accounting, advertising and events promotion.

By-laws discussion: Several suggestions were made for additions to the by-laws. They include a non-voting "emeritus board member status," extension of terms of membership until positions can be filled, a provision about when and how guests can participate in meetings, attendance requirements for board members and emeritus board members. Amy and Rick volunteered to bring forward proposed additions to the next board meeting. For

guidance, they will review the by-laws of other organizations including the Hillsdale Farmers Market.

Gardening: There was no decision about how to address Wardin Investments' request that the foundation to share \$1077 spent last winter on planting bed maintenance. (See note #2 below for more on this subject) The gardening committee announced it is whimsically calling itself the "Garden Variety Usual Suspects." Following a recent weeding of the Union 76 plantings, the owners seem to have assumed more responsibility for maintenance.

Book Sale: The problem of how to dispose of unsold books following our sale was discussed. One possible solution was to pass them on to the Friends of the Multnomah County Library and to pre-screen the books to meet the FOMCL's requirements for acceptance. The other was to give the books to Good Will. Both ideas will be explored by Rick.

Executive Session regarding board applicants: Spencer French and Dave Hawkins were approved for membership. Don Baack was not. Rick will contact Dick Hausken and Tracy Steppe about being on the board.

Our next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, October 28, at Kol Shalom.

Notes:

- 1. While an Insurance proposal made by Don Baack at August's meeting was on the agenda, it was not discussed.*
- 2. The day after the meeting Amy wrote and invited members to respond to the following. "...Mike Roach has suggested we pay the \$213 as a goodwill gesture toward the Wardins as we proceed into fall clean-up and winter planning. I assume it would be accompanied by a letter not taking on full responsibility for the irrigation fixes."*