

GHCC Minutes

June 1, 2022

Present: Christy Mackey, Celia Grether, Denny Johnson, Gary Rubenstein, Connie Gordon, Chuck Strahm, Trudy Cravens, Susie Stevens, Pat DuVall, Keith Beebe.

Absent: Deborah Olson and Cynthia McCullough

Guest: Chris Brinton and Judy Tallman

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Christy Mackey.

Minutes approved as corrected to show Gary Rubenstein present at the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: April relatively flat month. Gary reviewed upcoming anticipated expenses, including scholarship payments and income. Financials were approved as presented.

Rental Report:

East Room:

½ day: 1

Full Day: 2

GHCC: 0

West Room:

½ Day: 3

Full Day: 1

GHCC ½ day: 6

GHCC Full Day: 0

Kitchen Use:

Rentals: 0

GHCC: 1

TV USE:

2

0

PA System w/wo Zoom:

2

0

No Charge use:

½ day:

Full Day:

Non-Profit:

2

0

Memorial:

0

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Connie discussed current rental rates and suggested it be reviewed and updated to be more in line with current rental market.

Membership: There were 5 renewals in May.

Boat House Fund: Christy suggested that the Norwegian park fund be removed from the membership form, since there is no official Norwegian Park Organization. There will be a decision on how to appropriately use the remaining funds.

Kitchen Rental: There have been several inquiries about renting the kitchen for commercial food truck preparation and cooking classes. There will have to be an analysis of the potential return vs the increase in tax revenue due to the rental fees. In addition, the septic issues will need to be resolved to make sure the capacity is adequate for these functions.

Housekeeping Issues: Connie shared a list of duties that need to be done at least annually and have not been done in the last few years due to Covid. Of particular concern is the growing lack of storage space. Chuck also recommended that everything be marked with GHCC, so items are not lost to groups using the facilities. Chuck also recommended that we considered building an enclosed storage/office area in the East room as proposed a few years ago.

FJGC microphones: Denny reported their microphone, and its container are missing and a search has not located it.

Septic System Update: Chuck and Christy said there was a meeting with the county regarding the septic system. County said they are committed to get the system needed for operation of the center and was very responsive to helping the center in their functions. The excavation hole was closed by the county. There are problems with tree roots and water table in locating a new system. It was agreed that a septic designer would be engaged to find the best location and design. Indigo has been hired to do the initial design and studies. The designer visited the site for possible location of the new system and potential designs to compensate for the commercial kitchen. The tanks are being regularly monitored by Bruce so they can be pumped as needed until the new septic system can be replaced.

It was moved and passed that Indigo be engaged to design the new septic system.

Maintenance Report: The sanitizer fill valve on the dishwasher has a leak causing a water leaking on the floor. Chuck has contacted the dishwasher installer to fix problem.

Scholarships: Chris reported on the 8 scholastic scholarships awarded this year totaling \$8,000. There is still \$1,000 for adult / continuing education / and vocational awards. She is working on publicizing the scholarship program and is redesigning the application for scholastic scholarships. She attended the recent Kingston High School awards ceremony to present the scholarships.

Volunteer Column in the Log was suggested by Christy so people can find volunteer opportunities in the community.

Rummage Sale: Chuck reported that there will be a small, modified rummage sale this year in the West room, East room and on tables in the parking lot. No tents will be used. On June 17th there will be a soup night informational program for rummage sale volunteers. Menu is soup, bread, salad, and cookie. August 9-15th will be the rummage sale set up and sale. The boat house had a major clean out and consolidation of items for coming sale. Committee is looking into options for donating some items to other rummage sales.

Book Sale: Trudy reported June 24,25, and 26th will be the book sale, set up starts on 20th. There was a very large number of books donated at the recent drop off. Trudy is planning the fall book sale for 21,22, and 23 of October.

Endowment: Celia reported the value was \$316,730 end of May.

Neighbors Lunch over 45 attended in May and it was a great turnout. Lunches resume September 21st.

Boat House Lease: Christy reported we now have a lease with the county and Gary, Celia, Christy, and Keith were all involved in the process.

Ground Lease: Christy reported Gary and Keith rewrote the ground lease for the center and it is now at the county.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Next meeting, July 6, 2022, at 5:00 PM

Respectfully,

Chris Brinton, on behalf of the secretary.