

February 2, 2023-Susan Henke's House

Present: J. Boisvert, J. Germano, L. VanMill, S. Henke, J. Rivera, D. Crowley, N. Piolatto, J. Rivera, Diana Crowley, J. Boisvert, K. Bretzlaff

Absent: Bruce Cowhig, J. Schwade, J. Harder

Guest: Holly Froning

**Call to Order:** 7:10PM

S. Henke-Motion to approve Katie Bretzlaff for a term 2022-2025 on the Board. Second. J. Boisvert. Motion Carried.

**Welcome:** Holly Froning.

**Secretary Report:**

S. Henke-Motion to approve the November Minutes with the correction to Luminary History. Second. J. Rivera. Motion Carried.

December 2, 2022 Minutes were reviewed. K. Bretzlaff -Motion to approve the December Minutes. Second. N. Piolatto. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer Report:** \$19,309.60 is the current bank balance. B. Cowhig prepared a report showing credits and debits from November 11, 2022, to December 31, 2022. S. Henke-Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second: N. Piolatto. Motion Carried.

Discussion on the possibility of investing the current balance in a short-term investment.

Suggest will be forwarded to B. Cowhig to research options.

Discussion included possible donation(s) to The Currents of Kankakee Riverfront Project and N.

Piolatto suggested that the RHD get recognition for their contribution(s).

Continue to donate to Wright in Kankakee.

**House Walk Recap:**

J. Germano presented a financial recap of the event. Expenses: \$2,142.42. Income: \$10,687.78.

Total profit: \$8,545.36.

Discussion regarding what worked and what improvements to consider for next year included printing 500 brochures rather than 400 to avoid running out; possible location of ticket sales; and a will-call location. Further comments included the creation of a check list/guidelines to be given to volunteers and homeowners that would include safety and insurance information.

N. Piolatto and K. Bretzlaff will update homeowners and volunteers contact information.

Suggested to begin recruiting volunteers in October.

Continue to sponsor a Public Works Thank You Party.

**Luminaries:** Six kits sold and \$81. Was collected. \$50 donation from Kimberly Cruthers.

Expenses were \$58.25.

**Holiday Stroll**

**Wright in Kankakee:** K. Bretzlaff-Motion to pay Bradley House \$470 for ticket sales share. Second. S. Henke. Motion Carried.

Walking Tour Brochure needs to be reprinted and sponsors are being recruited. One sponsor donated \$250. The goal is to get three more sponsors. Suggested to write up a donation request to be included in the Newsletter.

**Communications:** Newsletter for this month to include Easter Egg Hunt information, Duane Blvd. Project All Call and Sponsorship and donation outreach for the Currents of Kankakee to help support the riverfront project. The Easter Egg Hunt Date is slated for April 8, 2023.

### **New Business**

Easter Egg Hunt: N. Piolatto will chair the event again this year. The date is slated for April 8, 2023.

Restoration Fund. J. Germano will call a meeting for this committee. B. Cowhig indicated that he would chair the committee. N. Piolatto suggested to contact The Currents of Kankakee to gather so information on how this organization is structured to guide setting-up the parameters of the RHD Restoration Fund.

Duane Blvd. Holly Froning donated lots of seeds which S. Henke will hold Questions concerning permission from the City, the rezoning of the wards and how to structure volunteers. J. Germano will check on the rezoning.

Preservation Fund was presented by J. Boisvert. The Board suggested to have someone from the County present information on what this fund would mean for homeowners.

Wine Night. Check with J. Harden to see if they will have the next wine night. J. Germano will ask Anya Baron, the contact person for organizing these events, if Harden's are agreeing to having the next wine night.

Family Event. Discussion on bringing back the block fest/party in late August.

Summer Music at Cobb Park. 6 Dates

June 11-Big Band

June 25

July 2

July 16

July 30-Shelby Ryan

August 13

Steve Martin's Irish Group

Juli Rivera will work on getting 1 food vender and Rebel Ice Cream for each music event.

RHD Board will sponsor three and KVSO would sponsor three.

S. Henke-Motion to pay for Pavilion Rental \$75. Second. J. Boisvert.

Acting Out Theater-Seems that an unofficial go-a-head has been given to have "Cinderella" at Cobb Park. There are many concerns and questions that the Board has concerning all the preparation of the event, parking, clean-up and more. J. Germano will contact Acting Out Theater to have someone meet with members of the Board to outline what has to be done.

J. Boisvert motion to pay Secretary of State Annual Fund, \$10. Second. Diana Crowley. Motion Carried.

S. Henke-Motion to Adjourn at 9:10PM. Second. N. Piolatto. Motion Carried.