

SILVER LAKE INSTITUTE

Board of Trustees Meeting – September 16, 2023

Present: Kris Schultz, Jill Knitter, Peggy Phillips, Bob Cook, Julie Hoffner, Tom Kraft, Bill Schaefer, Brad Huber, Jim Kwiatkowski

Absent: Colleen Christmann, Jeanne Owens, Kevin Colburn

Visitors: Craig Bateman, Larry Beeman, Kathy Schaefer, Nancy & Ralph Hulme, Linda McMurtry, Diane Stephens

Opening Prayer: Tom Kraft

Declaration of Quorum: 9 of 12

Visitor's Concerns:

- Ralph Hulme for Joel Hulme is concerned about two trees over driveway. Trees are located on Institute property. Application was submitted for tree trimming/removal. Board will discuss later in the meeting.
- Linda McMurtry submitted an informational sheet regarding the importance of skunks. Her concern was that too many people were killing the skunks without realizing the benefits. The article can be found at www.pestshero.com/what-is-the-purpose-of-a-skunk

Bookkeeper/registrar: Craig Bateman

- Morningstar Metal works donated \$75 and 20% of future sales to the Silver Lake Institute. A thank-you note will be sent.
- Piecemakers donation of 50 quilts worth \$5,000 was donated to Angel Action of Wyoming County
- Unpaid taxes are down to 8.
- Unpaid taxes on waterfront down to 1 and should be in the mail.
- **Tree permits**
Joel Hulme 6994 (33) Camp Road

Motion to get estimates to remove or clip branches: Jill Knitter

Second: Peggy Phillips

All approved

- **Property Transfers:**

Deed approved for Raymond Wilkie on 8/28/23. Property located on 6962 (17) Asbury Ave Family Estate

Deed approved for Dr. Richard Lee on 8/28/23. Property located on 6966 (17) Genessee Ave. Family Estate

Camper storage in driveway at 3943 (82) Janes Ave. Neighbors were notified and do not have a problem with said camper being stored in driveway. Board to get back with resident on rules of camper storage after rule has been reviewed.

Committee Reports

Kris Schultz stated at beginning of Board meeting that all reports were emailed to Board Members prior to Board meeting and were reviewed.

Any questions or proposals to be voted on during the meeting. All reports and minutes will be posted on SLI website at www.silverlakeinstitute.org This will give more time for business to be handled at future meetings.

Legal: Kevin Colburn - Report attached

Investments: Kevin Colburn - Report attached

Finance: Kevin Colburn - Report attached

Spiritual Life: Larry Beeman - Report attached

- **Motion to approve that the amount allocated for outreach be raised from 10% to 50%: Julie Hoffner Second: Tom Kraft All approved**

SLA: Peggy Phillips - Report attached

Playground Committee – Peggy Phillips - Report attached

- **Motion to approve proposal for children’s activity at Burt Park gazebo October 7, 2023. The use of Stoodly in inclement weather: Peggy Phillips Second: Bob Cook all approved**

Programs: Julie Hoffner - report attached

Grounds: Jill Knitter & Kris Schultz – Report attached

- Eastman to take down two Willows on the Lakefront that were decided by arborist as threatening.

Lakefront: Jill Knitter – Report attached

Treasurer Report: Jill Knitter – Report attached

Grants: Brad Huber – Report attached

Discussion regarding CFGB Grant revealed that it is a fact-finding mission on possibilities for buildings. Also, IF we get the Grant, we have a year to decide on whether we need assistance.

- **Motion to approve \$1500 match grant for Stody building report: Bob Cook Second: Peggy Phillips All approved**
- Conflict of Interest policy – Bill Schaefer suggested to be done every August meeting

Historical: Sharon Pratt – No report submitted

Hoag: Bob Murphy & Chuck Dusel – Report attached

It was stated in our by-laws that Hoag Committee shall consist of at least one Trustee. Jim Kwiatkowski was appointed to Hoag Committee as Trustee along with Chuck Dusel and Bob Murphy.

Stody: Bill & Kathy Schaefer & Linda Mairs – Report attached

SLE 2024: Bill & Kathy Schaefer, Bonnie Bright, & Loren Penman – Report attached

- **Motion to approve \$500 donation for SLE 2024 and acknowledge the reservation of building and locations noted in the Committee Report for July 31 through August 4, 2024: Peggy Phillips Second: Jill Knitter All approved**

Epworth: Sharon Pratt – Epworth roof September 20th at 2pm pre-con work. Work to begin first week of October

Long Range Planning: Bob Cook & Tom Kraft – Report attached

Rules Committee: Tom Kraft – Report attached

- **Motion to accept modified rule on storage of campers as documented in Rules committee report: Tom Kraft Second: Jill Knitter All approved**

Communications: Colleen Christmann & Jeanne Owens – Report Attached

- Discussion on Calendaring for buildings and general events. Calendar to be put on website for all Committees to view. All committees will contact Craig Bateman regarding activities. Craig will keep paper copy and forward to Colleen Christmann to put on website.

Other Business:

9/1/23 Building tour with Amanda Osborn: ideas for use and possible revenue for Epworth, Hoag, and Stody. Brad Huber documented information gathered and will be emailed to all Board members.

On-line Strategic Planning and Board Development Webinar 9/19/23 (free)

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) provides incentives and has prompted partnerships between banks and community groups to promote access to credit for low and moderate-income communities and foster development in these areas.

Brad Huber: Streamlining the Board's voting process and group emailing. Brad will be setting up group email and excel spreadsheet to keep track of online voting between board members.

Chuck Dusel will be conducting mapping location of waste material at the meadow and will share information gathered with the Board at future meeting.

Motion to adjourn 12:10pm: Brad Huber Second: Jim Kwiatkowski All approved