

Silver Lake Institute

Board of Trustees Meeting – April 20, 2024

Present: Kris Schultz, Jill Knitter, Peggy Phillips, Jeanne Owens, Colleen Christmann, Brad Huber, Bill Schaefer

Absent: Kevin Colburn, Bob Cook, Julie Hoffner, Tom Kraft, Jim Kwiatkowski

Visitors: Craig Bateman, Joe Szwaczkowski, Kyle Morley, Steve Re, Ross Sceusa, Mary Sceusa, Sharon Barber, Joan Maddison

Opening Prayer: Jeanne Owens

Declaration of Quorum: Kris Schultz declared quorum 7 of 12

Visitor's Concerns:

- Kyle Morley gave small presentation and flyer regarding Young Life Youth Work Day May 4th and 18th. All work is supervised by an adult. \$12 to \$15 an hour per working youth. Donations can be made to Geneseevalley.younglife.org under campership. For more information and to sign up call Kyle at 585-245-2517.
- Joe Szwaczkowski asked what could be done about lowering Institute taxes. The Board will look into it and get back with resident.
- Sharon Barber felt that The Hoag Art Gallery was not being utilized. She would like to see more art shows in the future. She also asked if wire rope kit with clips could be installed to display artwork. The Board will look into it and get back with resident.
- Craig Bateman would like to start a project to remove the secondary utility poles. He asked everyone to call either Spectrum or Frontier to move utility wires so that poles can be removed.

Bookkeeper/registrar: Craig Bateman

Palmer deck permit 6984 (11) Hamline

Motion to Approve: Peggy Phillips

Second: Brad Huber

All approved

Mlyniec tree permit 6988 (15) Hamline Ave.

Motion to Approve: Jeanne Owens

Second: Bill Schaefer

All Approve

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Jill Knitter

Account Balances a of 4/15
General \$ 68,780.23
SLI 24,261.06
Rentals 8,004.17
Reserve 1,162.31
Epworth 51.00

TOTAL \$ 102,258.77

Lakefront: Jill Knitter

Tim Hudson will no longer be placing and removing hoists at the Marina. Chip Hendrickson, Jim Rando and Joe Szwaczkowski have taken this over. This will be done early the week of 4/23. It will be coordinated with Derick and getting first sections of docks in.

Grounds: Jill Knitter

Roads - Repaved upper Hedding to Janes and repairs to the corner of Camp and Lakeview. Fall of 2023 removed several dead Ash trees along the Greenway as well as trimming and removing several Maples that were in deteriorating condition.

Legal Affairs: Kevin Colburn

No Update

Investment: Kevin Colburn

The Community Foundation balance as of 12/31/23 is \$116,413.29. The World Choice balance is approximately \$25. I will close this account when I return to the USA.

Epworth: Kris Schultz

Preconstruction meeting on September 20 for Roof repair on Epworth. Roof repair completed the first week of October.

On site meeting on December 21, 2023 with Senator Borrello and Larry Francer, the Director of the Landmark Society of Western NY, to follow up on efforts to obtain the \$100,000.00 from DASNY. Arranged conversations between Senator Borrello and Senator Cooney (closest Democrat on the State Finance Committee to SLI) to reach a bilateral agreement to share funding in the near future.

Coordinated with Grants Committee for interviewing and hiring contractors for curtain drain project, as part of the approved CFA grant for Epworth. We sent out the plans to several contractors and received bid from seven companies with bids ranging from \$ 25,822.00 to \$ 72,500.00. The grant budget amount for this work was \$ 45,000.00.

March 21, 2024 pre-construction meeting with curtain drain contractor WYCO followed by an inspection the basement of Epworth with Derrick, Craig, Steve Re and Joe Szwaczkowski our volunteer construction inspector crew, to discuss future renovations.

Hoag: Jim Kwiatkowski

Kris has contacted a structural engineer and a commercial mason who are interested in providing estimates for work on Hoag. They have reviewed the architectural report. They will schedule an on-site inspection prior to providing estimates for the work. Awaiting information on when this inspection will commence.

Kris did an analysis of the drainage capability of the Hoag gutters. We may need to upgrade only part of the system. This work should be tied to the Epworth project.

Silver Lake Association: Peggy Phillips

Nothing to report

Silver Lake Experience: Kathy Schaefer

Registration for SLE 2024 opened April 5. Many improvements have been implemented to the registration process thanks to Terry Owens.

Workshops are already starting to fill up. Our focus now is on logistics such as getting volunteers involved. Brochures are available.

Stoody: Kathy Schaefer

Saturday morning cafe has one opening for hosting-July 20. Reminder the board is hosting on July 27.

Playground: Peggy Phillips

Nothing to report

Communications: Colleen Christmann

New Resident Meet & Greet date set for June 22, 9-12pm. Sign updates: Bishop Burt Park: donations, SLI attire continue toward the goal of new information sign for the park. The swim area sign will have the added information regarding swim at own risk and children must be with an adult. Also the 3 SLI Deed Restrictions signs have been painted black with white lettering to match the existing entrance SLI signs. The SLI website has new updates. Discussion needed for Residents Only section. Difficulty accessing this.

History and Preservation: Brad Huber

- Homeowner Preservation Tax Credits Video Workshop and maps have been posted to the SLI Website.
- Two new SLI History Books have been digitized
- Wood Window Workshop is set and tickets have gone on sale, 25% have sold so far.

Restored windows are complete in the Epworth Basement and ready to rehang, we will wait until we are ready to pull the windows for this summer's workshop so we can do all the swaps at once and ladders only have to come out once.

Grants: Brad Huber

- Work has begun on the French Drain System at Epworth from the CFA Application Funds
- Grant application to the Preservation League of NYS has been submitted for funds to pay the Landmark Society to expand the SLI Historic District to include all/most cottage owners (\$2,380 Match)
- Currently working on a Wendt Foundation Grant to finish Epworth Basement inclusive of classroom space and bathrooms (No Match)

Long Range Planning: Bob Cook

The train plaque was installed last fall and Bob Murphy's train gate will be placed during the summer months

Rules: Tom Kraft

- New Rules and Regulation Handbooks were given out Last Fall. If you did not receive one, please drop by the office and pick one up.
- Several complaints by Institute residents have been brought to the Board's attention regarding properties that are in serious disarray and/or deteriorating condition.
- Rules committee will be meeting to discuss enforcement of said rules in SLI Handbook
- The Rules Committee is looking for one more member. If interested, please contact Tom Kraft

Programs: Kris Schultz submitted for Julie Hoffner

The 2024 summer program is set to begin on June 1st this year with the annual craft and yard sale at various places around the Institute. (Having it this weekend will allow people to dispose of unsold items they don't want to keep on Dumpster day 😊)

The program will include 8 Friday night concerts beginning on July 5th, 2 Saturday educational speakers, and 2 Coffee House evenings. The annual Bike Parade and Piñata for children will begin the season on July 3rd. And the Family Wheels Parade and Children's Art Project will bring the season to a close on September 1st.

The Program committee is also sponsoring the Quilting Group that meets every Wednesday morning in July and August to create quilts and blankets to donate to Wyoming County Community Action to be given to children and adults in need.

We have been granted \$4000 by the ACWC, but as of yet have not received the check as they have not as yet received the money from NYS!!!!

Other Business

- Board previously approved a split cost of purchasing an AED for the Silver Lake Institute. Bill Schaefer will check on complete cost to include housing of AED and training. Contact Bill if you are interested in being trained on AED.
- New short term rental legislation was put out by Town of Castile. Craig Bateman will contact owners of short term rentals to make them aware of new regulations. If you have any questions regarding the new rental agreement, please contact town of Castile at 585-493-2233.
- **Motion was made to grant Brad Huber to remove undergrowth and prune Forsythia or replace with new landscape along the slope adjacent to the parking area along Park Avenue and replacement of broken stair railings: Peggy Phillips Second: Jill Knitter All approve**
Any donations of labor or materials to help with this is appreciated. Contact Brad Huber.
- Jeanne Owens and Colleen Christmann have agreed to take over the planning and organization of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Motion to adjourn to Executive session at 11:54 – Peggy Phillips
Second – Bill Schaefer
All Approve**