

## **Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting**

**Minutes for Meeting of July 18, 2017**

**First Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building**

**750 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Washington, DC**

**Present:** Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Oursler, Adam Apton, Nina Tristani, Greg Holeyman, Gary Peterson, Chuck Burger, Janet Quigley, Lisa Dale Jones, Beth Purcell, Joanna Kendig, Susan Burgerman, Steve Kehoe, Tina May, Michelle Carroll

**Absent:** Monte Edwards, Patrick Lally

Also present: Carl Spier, Angie Schmidt

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were read and amended. It was noted that the last name of the individual who made a presentation was missing and should be supplied. Michelle Carroll moved to approve the minutes with amendments. Susan Burgerman seconded the motion.

### **Treasurer's Report**

An updated balance sheet was provided, including a profit and loss statement. The most up to date numbers for the House Tour show a total income of \$70,312, with expenses of \$21,797. Some House Tour advertisers have not paid their bills, so there may be additional revenues. Greg pointed out that the current numbers indicate that the 2017 House Tour earned \$9,000 more than projected. Elizabeth thanked Adam and Jill Uvena for their hard work on the financial reporting.

Much revenue is derived from Pay Pal purchases. Chuck and Susan B. asked if there was a way to use PayPal House Tour Ticket sale information to encourage people to join CHRS.

### **President's Report**

Elizabeth offered the following the following amendment to the bylaws:

Article IV, Section 2 - The current text: "Regular meetings of the members of the Society shall be held quarterly in the fall, winter, spring and summer of each fiscal year. The annual meeting is the summer meeting" would be changed to read "Regular meetings of the members of the Society shall be held **three times a year, in the fall, spring and summer** of each fiscal year. The annual meeting is the summer meeting."

Elizabeth explained that attendance was normally low at winter meetings, and that the meetings were difficult to schedule due to conflicts. Susan B. pointed out that recent winter meetings had been cancelled or poorly attended to inclement weather.

Elizabeth pointed out that we were required to have a summer meeting and a budget-approval meeting, and that one membership meeting was traditionally timed to coincide with the Dick Wolf lecture.

Greg made a motion to agree to the amendment and Chuck seconded. The motion was approved.

This amendment will appear in the next newsletter and will be considered by the CHRS membership at the September members meeting.

There was some discussion about how much longer the Dick Wolf lectures would continue because they are currently supported by a special fund. Chuck said that the lectures were important and that they provided good outreach to the community. He said we should find a way to continue this program, perhaps by making it part of the regular budget.

### **Historic Preservation Report**

Beth reported on the property at 501 C Street, NE. MGM Public Policy, LLC plans an extensive renovation of this property which faces Stanton Park. Concerns were raised concerning the roof deck which would extend to the edge of the property, and might be visible to neighbors, and a proposed elevator addition to the outside of the building which would obscure some architectural details.

She also reported on 418-427th Street, SE. This project would combine two houses to create four apartments.

### **Membership**

The September membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at The Hill Center. The membership will be asked to consider the 2017-2018 operating budget and the amendment to Article IV, Section 2 of the bylaws. The meeting will be followed by a lecture by on the restoration of the Ironwork on the Capitol Dome.

A Preservation Café will be held on September 20, 2017. The speaker will give an “underground tour” of Congressional Cemetery.

Chuck asked some questions about growth of the CHRS Membership.

### **Budget**

Susan O. presented a proposed budget. This year’s budget projections lower both in income projections and in expense projections.

Specifically, the House Tour Committee is projecting somewhat lower income and lower expenses.

CHRS has been asked to assume responsibility for Normal Metzger’s Historic District Photo collection which would require additional expenses of about \$950. It was agreed this was a good project and should be funded.

Chuck asked how many House Tour tickets were actually sold. Because CHRS donates some tickets, and others are paid as part of membership packages exact numbers are difficult to achieve. Elizabeth suggested that a rough number of House Tour attendees could be derived from the use of House Tour programs. Michelle said that was important to know how many tickets were sold, and would work to have more accurate numbers for the 2018 tour.

Susan B. asked for an increase in expenditures for membership meetings so that we might provide water and light snacks, and Chuck suggested a small increase in projected revenue from membership dues.

Elizabeth made a motion that the budget as amended be agreed to, and Joanna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The budget will be published in the next newsletter and will be presented to the membership for consideration at the September membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.