

Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 16, 2022

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6 pm at the Northeast Neighborhood Library.

Members Present:

Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Christine Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent: Fynnette Eaton, Delancy Gustin, Beth Hague, Gary Peterson

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Daniels presented corrected minutes of the October 2022 Board of Directors meeting for approval.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the corrected October minutes be approved. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

The Treasurer presented financial reports to the Board, which were accepted without discussion.

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

The President reported that the proposed Brown AME church fence had been rejected by city agencies. The Board discussed whether it might be possible to offer assistance in developing alternative ideas on request should similar cases arise in the future. After discussion, the Board agreed that the goal is admirable, however, no solution would be appropriate in every instance.

The President reported that CHRS has been asked whether Libba Cotten, recently inducted to the Rock'N Roll Hall of Fame, had lived on Capitol Hill. Beth Purcell reported that research is under way.

The President reported that she transferred an extra hard copy set of reports on individual buildings prepared for the *Beyond the Boundaries* project. She gave the reports to Jennifer King of the George Washington University Library Special Collections Department on November 2, 2022.

The President also reported that Chuck Burger removed a significant quantity of unneeded materials, especially out-of-date house tour catalogs and similar materials, from the CHRS storage unit. She believes that the unit will be emptied by the end of December.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

Beth Purcell reported that HPRB approved the proposal for 117 12 Street SE rear at its November hearing, concurring with the CHRS position..

Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture – Monte Edwards

Edwards reported that he had formed a new committee consisting of himself, Beth Purcell, Tina May and Christine Mullins for the purpose of recruiting a co-chair for the 2023 Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture, with that person then chairing the lecture committee in future years. The committee’s duties will include soliciting and evaluating lecture proposals for the award and arranging for the lecture.

Edwards reported that the Hill Center has agreed to apply the deposit for the 2020 lecture, which was canceled due to the pandemic, to the 2023 event. A 2023 date will be established soon.

Membership – Maygene Daniels

On behalf of the Membership Committee, Maygene Daniels submitted a proposal to reduce memberships to two levels: Individual Membership (for one person) and Household Membership (for up to two individuals residing in a single household). Membership rates of \$35 and \$55 would remain unchanged. In this membership revision, all members would be eligible for unlimited discounted house tour tickets purchased in advance via Eventbrite.

The committee also proposed that to encourage contributions, options for donations also should be prominently presented when a member joins or renews as follows:

**Bronze Contributor \$100**

Membership fees are included in this level. Bronze contributors receive all Basic membership benefits.

**Silver Contributor \$250**

Membership fees are included in this level. Silver contributors receive all Basic membership benefits plus 2 free House Tour tickets (claimed in advance via EventBrite). Silver Contributors are acknowledged in the CHRS Newsletter.

**Gold Contributor \$500**

Membership fees are included in this level. Gold contributors receive all Basic membership benefits plus 4 free House Tour tickets (claimed in advance via EventBrite). Gold Contributors are acknowledged in the CHRS Newsletter.

**Platinum Contributor \$1000**

Membership fees are included in this level. Silver contributors receive all Basic membership benefits plus 8 free House Tour tickets (claimed in advance via EventBrite). Platinum Contributors are acknowledged in the CHRS Newsletter.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the Membership Committee report be approved. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Communications Committee – Elizabeth Nelson

The new chairman announced that she is forming the committee and will schedule a meeting in the near future.

### House Tour Report - Jackie Krieger

The House Tour Committee has met with homeowners and continues to solicit recommendations of houses for the tour. An article asking for suggestions will appear in the next newsletter.

### Walking Tours – Elizabeth Nelson

Tours took place the weekend of November 12 and 13. Angie Schmidt developed a family friendly walking tour, which was presented for the first time that weekend.

Income for the November tours is estimated at \$900 - \$1000. The figure will be confirmed later.

### House Expo

The 2022 House Expo successfully took place in the Eastern Market North Hall on October 29, 2022. It was well-advertised with posters and postcards, all of the tables were filled, there was a steady flow of visitors, and vendors reported delight with the productive contacts that resulted.

The event netted \$2700 for CHRS.

The date of Saturday October 28 was proposed for the 2023 House Expo. A deposit will be required to secure the date.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the next House Expo be scheduled in the Eastern Market North Hall on October 28, 2023, and that the necessary deposit be paid to secure the date. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Preservation Cafes – Christine Mullins

Mullins announced that Justine Bello will present the November Preservation Café on “ghosts” of buildings, the visible signs of past structures. Mullins also reported that in January 2023 the “Story of Our Schools” organization will make a presentation concerning its goals and activities. Potentially for March she is working with Robert Pohl and Eastern Market for a special in-person anniversary commemoration. Joanna Kendig will speak on DC water and sewer infrastructure in May.

Angie Schmidt proposed that CHRS should use Eventbrite for registration and video links for Preservation Cafes. This would be free to CHRS since no ticket charges are involved. The suggestion was approved by an informal vote of the majority of members present.

### Zoning

There was no Zoning Committee report. The President will determine options for future committee work.

Members Garden Party

The board unanimously approved the proposal that the next membership meeting/garden party should be held at Hill Center in September 2023 and authorized the President to reserve a date.

Motion to Adjourn

Jim Thackaberry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.