

Indian Hill Historical Society
Trustee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 5:00 – Little Red Schoolhouse

Attendees: Rosemary Ballard, Brenda Benzar, Dani Frappier, George Glover, Barb Hauck, Susan Holzapfel, Chip Hunter, Ed Jacobs, Allison Kahn, Greg Kenny, Kent Little, Doug Manzler, Don McGraw, Pam Middendorff, Michael Muth, Beth Onthank, Dan Peters, Janet Reynolds, Scott Sayre, Rosemary Welsh, and Ginny White
Staff members present were Lawre Bonekemper and Lindsay McLean

Rosemary Welsh called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

President's Opening Remarks: Rosemary Welsh

Rosemary told the Board about a future art exhibit at the Barn in Mariemont.

I. **Minutes: May 14, 2024:** Rosemary Ballard

Rosemary Welsh requested that the last sentence under the Office Reports be deleted concerning Trustee liability protection related to the dissemination of materials from the office as this has yet to be determined. With that deletion, the minutes, as emailed, were approved.

II. **Treasurer Report, May 2024:** Chip Hunter

Chip Hunter reported that Bartlett is doing a good job. The current balance of the endowment account is \$3,725,530.

III. **Membership Report: May 2024:** Kent Little

Kent Little reported that the membership committee met prior to the Board meeting and is considering raising rates as they have not been changed for 8 years. The proposed levels and rates are as follows:

- *Individual* (currently \$50) would be \$75 or \$100.
- *Family* (currently \$75) would be \$125.
- *Benefactor* (currently \$175) would be \$250. The name would be changed back to Patron, too.
- *Business* (currently \$350) would remain the same.
- *Cornerstone* (currently \$500) would be \$600 or \$750.
- *New Level* \$1,200
- *1873 Club* (currently \$1,000) would be \$1,873
- *Life* (currently \$10,000) would remain the same.

Kent added that if the changes were implemented and membership continued at current levels, this would raise over \$15,000. There was considerable discussion about these changes. Kent will meet with the committee and make a proposal. These decisions should be made in time to be in the Annual Mailer which will be sent out at the end of July.

IV. Buildings and Grounds:

a. Schoolhouse Projects: Ed Jacobs

- 1. Roof:** After extensive research, Ed Jacob recommended using synthetic roof tiles. Samples of the tiles were in the kitchen. The “mountain” color was selected, and “random” tiling will be used to install the tiles in order to give it an “older look”. The project will cost \$65,770 which includes removing the existing roof and installing new tiles with ice and water shields. If substrate repair is needed, this work will be performed on a time and material basis. A motion was made to approve this expenditure, and a vote was taken which passed unanimously.
- 2. Shutters:** Synthetic hurricane shutters are being considered, but they are very expensive. Natural wood products are being evaluated, too.
- 3. Front Steps:** Ed met with a stone mason at the Schoolhouse. The mason recommended not making any changes. The steps are within code. Additionally, should one of the stones break in the process, it would be costly and challenging to find an appropriate stone match. This project will be tabled due to all the other work currently scheduled.

b. Buckingham Lodge Renovation Contract: Chip Hunter

Chip Hunter and the committee met with Ann Linck and Chris from Oakley Home Improvement to review the project. The construction bid was \$54,780. Additionally, Ann Linck will manage the project for a fee of 10% or about \$5,000. A motion was made to approve both expenditures, and the Board voted yes in approval. Barb Hauck noted that the furnishings for the building are not included in these dollars.

V. Advisory Board Update: Kent Little

Kent Little met with Ashley last week, and they discussed a range of ideas to revamp the Advisory Board. As Ashley is now a Trustee, a replacement for her leadership role on the Advisory Board needs to be found.

VI. Staff Reports: Lawre Bonekemper, Lindsay McLean, and Trish Krehbiel

Written reports were submitted by the Administrator, Historian, and Archivist.

Lindsay McLean added that the Madeira - Indian Hill Joint Fire Department is celebrating their 100th anniversary and have started a “100 Gestures of Kindness” campaign. A blood drive on June 28th is being organized as part of this campaign. Other celebratory events will take place throughout the year.

Rosemary Welsh mentioned that mid-year reviews were held with Lawre, Lindsay, and Trish.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Patron Party: May 19th, Sue Lawrence’s home, 4710 Hilltop Lane:** Pam Middendorff
Pam reported that the event was a rousing success, and she thanked everyone for their help with the party.
- b. Authors Series, Oct. 24th:** John Armstrong
The report was tabled due to John’s absence.

- c. **Preservation Committee:** Brenda Benzar
Brenda Benzar reviewed the Lockwood Cabin project for the group. The Society will not be preserving the cabin due to cost and potential on-going maintenance needs. Cabins and Barn Friend is not interested in it either. Jay Hoffman has been informed. Brenda thanked everyone on the committee for their efforts.
- d. **Student Award:** Don McGraw
Don McGraw presented the award at Cincinnati Country Day School in a Revolutionary War uniform.

VIII. New Business:

- a. **Honeysuckle Clearing behind the Schoolhouse:** Pam Middendorff
There was discussion about the timing and personnel for the work. It was noted that the Schoolhouse rental schedule should be consulted when selecting dates, too.
- b. **150th Anniversary of the Little Red Schoolhouse, September 15th:** Barb Hauck
Barb Hauck said this would be a fun family event to kick off the year. It will be a neighborhood affair with a tent outside, food, games for children, and antique cars, and the Schoolhouse would feature items from its past, creating a museum-like experience. There will be a video scrapbook. This will be a big job to set up and will take a week before the program with lots of volunteers. It was suggested that the Indian Hill Garden Club's annual Country Market might be interested in holding the market at the Schoolhouse in conjunction with this anniversary program.
- c. **July 4th Parade:** Chip Hunter
Chip Hunter asked Board members to meet at Country Day School at 9:00 am on July 4 for the parade. It is lots of fun and candy and fans are passed out to onlookers.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Rosemary Ballard,
By Lawre Bonekemper and Lindsay McLean

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Little Red Schoolhouse