

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Call to Order and Welcome: The East Row Historic Foundation met for a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday August 7, 2018 at the Sanctuary in Newport, KY.

The meeting was called to order by Foundation President, Michael Bach.

ERHF members welcomed Mike Johnson and Barbara Fowler- new owners now living at 717 Park Avenue.

Scott Clark, Newport Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Newport History Museum shared details from a recent exhibit at the Newport History Museum. The exhibitors, students at Newport High School, were charged to photograph every home in the East Row Historic District, applying artistic expression as they compiled a portfolio of photos, then selected five photos to showcase their work. Their individual exhibits were presented at an open house at the Museum the first weekend of December. Mr. Clark announced that the exhibits will be shared again at an open house January 17th at the museum from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Ryan Whaley from the Newport Fire Department addressed the foundation, sharing a variety of initiatives the department supports as they interact with children and families in Newport neighborhoods. They also shared that in 2019 they will be supporting one Newport veteran in the Honor Flight Program.

Old Business

Mansion Hill/Gateway: Corey Siddall reported (for David and DeAnn Helm) notes taken from a recent City Council Meeting including:

- Electric bikes will be added in 2019;
- The city manager and commissioners are hopeful that the new owners of the Levee – “North America”- will aggressively seek improvements as they are reportedly making significant investments in the complex;
- The old Baptist Home is being renovated into condos.

Christmas Tour – Brian Malone was unable to attend the meeting, but Michael Bach conveyed for him a summary of the recent Victorian Christmas Tour, the largest fund raising project of the East Row Historic Foundation. Noted was the following:

- Total attendance - 1250 paid – 297 comp tickets for volunteers.
- 170 Tea attendees.
- Gross income of \$27,806.
- Backing out expenses, Tentative Net revenue will be somewhere around \$22500.
- 40% sales were conducted online. 25% of sales were made the days of the event.

Philanthropic Committee –Elizabeth Robson (chairman) shared that there are four applicants for grants which will be awarded to local charities from the proceeds from the Christmas Tour. They are as follows:

- Newport History Museum
- St. John’s Food Pantry
- Strategic Depaving in Newport’s Westside (NKU Research Foundation)
- River Cities Academy

Elizabeth Robson made the motion that these grant applicants be AWARDED equal grants. A vote will be taken at the February ERHF monthly meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – (see attached)

Jason shared information regarding strategies to put a portion of our treasury into a higher yielding account. Kym Sutton made a motion that Jason should explore and recommend to the foundation an institution where we could invest \$50,000. He will bring a specific recommendation to the February meeting where we will vote to approve his recommendation.

New Business

Tiffany Budd share information regarding bins that are staged throughout the community where scrap food would be collected to compost, providing the opportunity to recycle food waste. The members asked Tiffany to bring more information to the next meeting as well as engage other Newport organizations to partner with us in this endeavor.

Kym Sutton suggested committee chairs and anyone else interested in attending convene to review the Christmas Tour and begin analyzing that information/input as we begin to plan for the 2019 Christmas Tour. She will organize a time for all interested parties to meet in the near future.

Announcements –

Angela Siddell share that she thinks that the idea of recycling scrap food is a great idea and hopes we can move forward with this effort and hopefully encourage other neighborhood organizations to participate in the innovative approach to preserving our economy.

Approvals

A motion for approval of the November minutes was made by Kym Sutton; Bob Meeks 2nd. The minutes were approved.

A motion for approval of November Treasurer’s Report was made by Trish Meeks; Trish Meeks made the motion; Angela Robson, 2nd. The report was approved.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Michael Bach at 8:15 p.m.