



Friends of Saxonia House, Inc.

F.O.S.H. Board Meeting

Oct. 7, 2024

6:00 PM, ZOOM Platform

Attending: Ed Ritger, Alan Pape, Greg Zahn, Fred Klessig, Rhonda Hare, Jon Scott, Alison Witt-Janssen, Jim Dieringer

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Alan Pape at 6:04 pm

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the August 5, 2024 Board meeting had already received preliminary approval via email and posted on our website. Ed motioned to formally accept these minutes and Jim seconded, motion carried.

III. Treasurers' Report

Greg reported on Checking and Flipcause of over \$97,000. Profit/loss from our event was sent out earlier. Greg noted that we will be in need of a certified accountant in the future. Ed has a contact. A motion to approve this report was made by Jim and seconded by Ed. The motion carried. Greg advised that we move as much money as we don't immediately need into a CD to earn interest until we need it. Ed motioned that \$50,000 in funds be invested into a CD. Alison seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Membership Report

Alison reported on gaining three new members at the Oktoberfest event, and one renewal. Eighteen people signed up for "more information" but did not become members. Alison is willing to send letters to the 26 people who did not renew. Discussion followed as to what is the incentive for people to become members. Intern needed to create newsletters, etc. Proposed work dates need to be advertised further in advance. Alison will contact a possible intern from Washington Co Historical Society who recently wrote a feature article on historic brewery.

V. Events Report: Oktoberfest on Sept 21, 2024

The band was perfect. Food needs to be on site. Beer cave is a big draw—in the future use a beer theme/serve beer. Greg has already looked into insurance, which would be good for the entire year, not just one event. Traditions will be involved in food/beer talks earlier next year.

VI. Development Report

Alan reported on latest contact with two potential donors. Capital Campaign discussion tabled.

VII. Building Committee Report

Electric Company proposal for connecting power was over \$6000. Ed motioned to delay getting the electric hooked up until spring. Greg seconded . Greg estimates we owe the electrician \$800 so far, which will be paid.

Poultry Barn discussion: Is it worth saving this 1920s building? Is it part of the vision? Greg has offered to donate his 165 year old Pomerian-German style building to the property. Alan will make a proposal about this project at future meetings.

Saxonia House roof: Alison made a motion to allow Chad Moore to patch the House roof this fall and Greg seconded

VIII. Old Business

Upcoming workday: Barn clean up with Charlie and cut down dead elm tree. Jim called fire chief regarding burning the pile. He is waiting on a reply.

Booth at Historical Conference: Greg will give dates to Alison and we will have handouts. Rhonda will bring the items currently at the House.

Archeology study project. Greg will take it over.

Steve Stuckey proposal discussed.

VII. New Business

Beane Engineering sent bill but no report. Alison will look into this.

VIII. Adjournment:

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, Jon seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

