



Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
July 22, 2018

Attendees: Co-Presidents Leslie Koch and Ed Caufield; Executive Director Elsbeth Dowd; Trustees Ellen Zimmerman, Diana Whitsit, Steve Rotella, Ann ffolliott, Allison Forstmann, Sandra Saiegh, Darien Leung, Christine Churchill, EJ Camp, Howard Shainker, Janet Markarian, Angela Meredith-Jones, James Harris, Karin Constant

Guests: Catherine Chaudhuri, Leslie Cohen, Adrian Cockerill, Bill McNaught

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2018 meeting was unanimously approved.

3. Finance Report

- Attached to the agenda was the Profit & Loss Budget Overview for Operations January through June 2018 and the Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of June 30, 2018.
- Treasurer, Allison Forstmann reported that OHS is currently on target financially.
- A new book keeper has been hired and the Finance Committee is working with her to evaluate and update the books.
- A suggestion was made to look into the possibility of setting up auto renewal for membership.

4. Executive Director's Report

- Elsbeth congratulated all committee chairs/members and volunteers for all their hard work in making North Fork Fresh and Heritage Day such successful events.
- A Drawing Workshop will be held on July 28th.
- An OHS Kids workshop on corn will take place on July 28th.

5. Collections Committee Report

Committee Chair, Ann ffolliott reported that the OHS received the Gardiner Foundation Grant in the amount of \$54,000.00 for the Collections Care Program. The consultants will figure out how to work with the existing buildings and campus to safeguard the OHS collections and make use of the campus buildings for staff, etc.

6. Summer Benefit and Art Auction

Members of the Summer Benefit and Art Auction attended the OHS Board Meeting to inform the Board of the event's progress. The event will take place on August 4th in Poquatuck Park from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. Attached to the agenda was a list of the participating artists, the silent auction items as of July 22nd, a list of volunteer needs and their roles, the fundraising scenario for the Maritime Collection Conservation, the invitation list for 2018, the 2017 summer benefit guest list vs. the 2018 registered guests as of July 18th, and the ticket sales update.

Leslie Cohen, the art auction chair presented a power point of selected art items that will be up for auction.

- The focus is on North Fork art.
- There will be approximately 50-54 pieces of artwork to include paintings, drawings, photos, prints, lithographs, and 3D works.
- The live auction will start at around 6:15 pm.
- On August 1st there will be a preview of selected artwork in Webb House from 3:00-5:00 pm by appointment only.
- All artwork will be on the website. Individual pieces will be highlighted daily.

Catherine Chaudhuri, event chair reported on highlights of the Summer Benefit.

- EJ Camp was able to get a substantial wine donation from Bedell Vineyards.
- Sam Sabil of Creative Courses will do the catering.
- The event planner is Ashley O'Neil Garretson.
- Colin Palmer and Karen Haley have made improvements to the registration check-in and check-out process.
- A few more volunteers are still needed.

Adrian Cockerill explained that this year the Silent Auction will stress "experiences" rather than individual items.

Bill McNaught talked about the Paddle Raise for the Maritime Collection Restoration.

- Bill will be available at the event to explain the Paddle Raise and answer any questions people may have.
- Money raised will be for the conservation of the OHS maritime paintings and ship models.
- People will also be able to choose a specific painting and/or ship model to restore from the website.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.