GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Present: Tim Bibler, Bill Case, Nick Cavalaris, Sarah Irvin Clark, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Brittany Gibson, Jeanne Likins, Jeff McNealey, and Susan Sutherland

Staff and Guests: Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Sarah Marsom, Mark Weiss, and Gary Seman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Likins.

Public Participation

Executive Director Todorov introduced the Society's newest employees, Sarah Marsom and Mark Weiss, who were attending their first Board meeting. Ms. Marsom and Mr. Weiss introduced themselves and discussed their recent activities as they have learned about German Village and the German Village Society.

There being no Public Participation Ms. Likins moved to the Reports of the Officers.

Report of the President

President Likins posed the question to the Board: Something new you learned about German Village or the German Village Society in the last month? During the 'round-robin' response to the question, Board members discussed a variety of topics including a request to have the Car-to-Go people attend a future Board meeting to report on the success of the venture in German Village.

Ms. Todorov, gave a report to the Board regarding the Strategic Planning Task Force and its history and need. She asked the Board to actively participate and to respond to questions and information requested by the Task Force as they made plans for a September retreat.

Ms. Todorov, also reported to the Board on the results of the Board survey of the Commitment to Serve menu of activities. She thanked the Board for the eager responses and wouk3(i)1rT1(ea)3q0rT1(ea)3qa-stop
2014 and she asked for further help from the

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explained, at length, the significance and
erman Village Society. She noted important
nd its overall goal to inform the members and the

that support is spent as it was intended by the donor. The Form 990 will be posted with the minutes and is a useful tool for members of the Society to know and understand the mission and achievements of the German Village Society.

Trustee Jeff McNealey provided copies of two Conflict of Interest policies and led a discussion of the Board of what the phrase 'conflict of interest' means, generally, and specifically to service on the Board of Trustees of the German Village Society. The policy is to ensure the faith and trust that our members and donors expect from each member of the Board. Mr. McNealey asked that members of the Board review these documents and come prepared to vote on a policy for the German Village Society at the March, 2014 meeting.

President Likins again thanked the Board for their 100% participation in the January Board retreat and reminded the Board of their commitment to pursue discussion on several topics and the need for action plans from the committees on those topics.

President Likins provided copies of Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations [OANO] Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector for Board review as the Board moves into its strategic governance model. Ms. Likins noted that the OANO has a certification process that the Society might want to consider as it continues to pursue its strategic governance.

Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes

Executive Director Todorov gave an up-date on the 2014 Haus und Garten Tour and the very successful kick-off committee meeting held last week. To-date, there are 8 homes and 1 garden confirmed with

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GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 13, 2014

Present: Tim Bibler, Dennis Brandon, Bill Casto, Sarah Irvin Clark, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Brittany Gibson, Jeanne Likins, Jeff McNealey, and Susan Sutherland

Staff and Guests: Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Amanda Smolinec, Marie Trudeau, and Gary Simon

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Likins.

Public Participation

There being no Public Participation Ms. Likins moved to the Reports of the Officers.

Report of the President

President Likins thanked the members of the Board for their 100% participation in the retreat held at the Harrison House on Saturday, January 11th and she noted that it was the kick-off to the Strategic Planning process that the Board will begin in 2014. Ms. Likins recounted the history and accomplishments of strategic planning by the Society over the past 20 years and the adoption of the mission statement and vision statement that guide the activities of the Society to this day

President Likins introduced Amanda Smolinec to the Board and announced the appointment of Ms. Smolinec to chair a Task Force to help the Board develop a 2014 Strategic Plan. Darci Congrove, Chris Crader, Jay Godfrey, Connie Swain, Shiloh Todorov, and Nancy Turner were also appointed by the President to serve on the Task Force.

Ms. Smolinec thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them to guide the process of creating a Strategic Plan to give vision and focus to the Society for 5 to 10 years into the future. Discussion ensued by the Board regarding the plans and goals of the Task Force. The Task Force will hold its first meeting on January 16th and will keep the Board up-to-date as they move to a Board strategic planning process to begin in mid-to-late summer. The Board will be kept apprised of the Task Force's progress and its work.

Ms. Smolinec asked that the Board members, themselves, begin the strategic planning process by thinking of three things they would like to change in the mission, vision, and/or any of the previous Strategic Plans of the German Village Society. President Likins asked that the Board respond directly to Ms. Smolinec by the end of this month, to facilitate the Task Force's efforts.

President Likins noted that there had been much discussion during the Saturday retreat regarding the document prepared by the Organizational Development Committee called Opportunities for Support, a menu of activities of the German Village Society that Board members could take in support of the Society. The list [attached] is to be used to help the Executive Director maximize the volunteer assets of Board members.

MOTION: Adopt the Opportunities for Support guideline as provided [the list Is attached and made a part hereof]. [McNealey, Brandon]
Motion approved.

Executive Director Todorov asked that each Board member forward their 'opportunities' to support the Society by the end of January.

Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2013.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2013. [Curlis, McNealey]
Motion approved.

Secretary Curlis reminded the Board that a vote to amend the budget adopted on December 9, 2013, was conducted by the Board in late December by e-mail in order to accommodate the hiring of the new Historic Preservation Advocate as a salaried employee rather than as a consultant. The change moved money allocated to "consultants" in the budget to the "salaries/wages" account in the budget, but did not change the total amount budgeted. The 2014 budget remains balanced.

MOTION: To ratify the vote of the Board of Trustees to amend the 2014 budget. [Curlis, McNealey]
Motion approved.

The Secretary also noted that there is no authority in either the Constitution or the By-Laws to conduct the business of the Society outside of the monthly Board meeting nor is there any authority to vote electronically on any issue. As part of the Board packet, the Secretary proposed a "procedure" for the Board to adopt to permit these emergency actions. This procedure wrochnllow thoc2(e)-6(d)-121.989Tc 0 Tw 4

The business of the January 13, 2014 meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

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Jeanne Likins, President

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Operations Chase Checking - 6039	
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Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113 (deleted)	
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German Village Society
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2014

	Total

German Village Society
Balance Sheet

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Advertising Income								
Contributions								

- Miscellaneous Expense
- Payroll Processing
- Payroll Taxes
- Postage
- Printing/Signage
- Property & D/O Insurance
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Subject:BOT Report for Civic Relations

Bill: As chair of Civic Relations, I only have two scheduling items to report:

1. The walkabout with OHM, the engineering firm that is doing the Third St study was scheduled for 2/6/14; however, that event has been canceled due to bad

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Subject: GVS Long Range Planning Committee - January Meeting Minutes

January Meeting Minutes

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Subject: Friends of Schiller Park

Many thanks to the hearty Friends who turned up on a bitterly cold night last week to think about spring and planting and all that we have to look forward to!

The projects, events, and initiatives discussed at the

- A link on the Home Page of the GVS website for Blooming Fund donations has been created
- A Facebook page will be created with building membership numbers and awareness as the goal

I will follow up with each volunteer who stepped up to take on pieces and parts of our ambitious agenda, and will keep everyone in the loop as the work gets underway. If you weren't able to make the meeting and would like to get engaged, please drop me a line.

With HUGE thanks,
Katharine

GVS Finance Committee Report

January 25, 2014

Attending the Meeting: Jeff McNealy, Jim Nichols, Larry Anderson, Shiloh Todorov, Jeanne Likins, Mary Cusick, Roy Bieber, Steve Becker, Dan Congrove, Katelyn Stanfield, Jim Gibboney and Tim Bibler

Huntington Investment Report

Representative Jim Gibboney from the Huntington submitted a written investment review regarding the three investment accounts that the Huntington manage for the Society. They reviewed the report with the committee and answered questions. The earning returns exceed the goals benchmark that was set for each of the funds.

The Committee reviewed the investment objectives and asset allocations and decided to review these on a regular basis.

Hirth Norris & Garrison

The discussion evolved around finalizing plans to concluding the relationship with the former accounting firm. Larry will send a letter to Hirth Norris & Garrison that will end the Society's relationship with them.

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Huntington Garden Endowment Fund

The committee discussed the funding success of this endowment and suggested the following motion for the German Village Society to consider.

“The cumulative unused annual maintenance carry over in the Huntington Garden Endowment Fund account may be used for capital maintenance for the Huntington Garden. “

Co-signing Procedures

The committee reviewed the check-signing procedures and suggested the following motion for the German Village Society to consider.

“Change the German Village Society’s check-signing procedure, to require all checks that are

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Since beginning work at the German Village Society, on January 13th, I have primarily focused on acclimating myself to the work environment, understanding the society's needs, and my role in achieving the society's goals. Jody Graicher provided an orientation and training my first 2.5 days at German Village.

Meetings - I have been meeting a plethora of people to hear their viewpoints on preservation in German Village Society in addition to understanding individuals and groups' roles. Thus far, I have attended a GVBC meeting, VC volunteers' meeting, Parking Committee Meeting, Experience Columbus, Preservation Committee meeting, ODOT 70/71 meeting, German Village Commission Business meeting, Young Ohio Preservationists' meeting, and an APA conference planning meeting. Besides meeting with groups, I have also been meeting with individuals, including the following: Kathryn Fortener (Grants

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