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| Minutes | | | | | | |
| **March 25, 2014** | | **7:00pm** | | | **Hatboro Baptist Church Annex** | |
| **Meeting called by** | Melinda Goodwin, President | | | | | |
| **Type of meeting** | Board Meeting | | | | | |
| **Note taker** | Jennifer Cox | | | | | |
| **Attendees** | BOARD MEMBERS: Bill Godshall, Melinda Goodwin, Michael Gorn, Jennifer Cox, Leslie Jones  GENERAL AUDIENCE: Dawn Marshall, Sherri LaPat, Ed McCash, Karen Shubick, Doris Lloyd, Virginia Hart, Bruce Hart, Dani Harting, Chuck Harting, Carol Inman, Susan Tafel, Robert Tafel, Barb Samuel, Gary Piotrowski, Corrie Angell, Brian Thompkins | | | | | |
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| **Call Meeting to Order** | | | Melinda Goodwin | | | |
| **Adoption of the Agenda** | | | Melinda Goodwin | | | |
| Updates to published Agenda:  Addition: New Business, Communi-Tees | | | | | | |
| **Approval of the Minutes** | | | Jenn Cox | | | |
| No updates to minutes from last General Membership Meeting; Minutes approved by Board unanimously. | | | | | | |
| **Treasurer’s Report** | | | Jenn Cox | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Bob unable to make meeting; brief update by Jenn Cox in his absence * Starting balance as of 03/25/14: $606.36 * Income of $370.00 (membership fees) * Ending Balance as of 03/25/14 = $976.36 | | | | | | |
| UNFINISHED BUSINESS | | | | | | |
| **Farmer’s Market Update** | | | Melinda Goodwin | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Final Dates: May 2nd through October 24th * June 13th and 27th Church not available; market to be held at LeRoy’s Flowers * No Market July 4th * Vendors set up at 5pm; Market opens at 6pm til dusk * Looking at purchasing a banner to go across York Road to advertise Market; soliciting quotes * Vendors will be published on our website and on Facebook * No charge for Hatboro residents who are selling their homegrown goods * Entertainment: Mindy Walker will help (music, entertainment, face painting) * Friday night is a great night for vendors; Saturdays are more competitive, so our Market a great time * Advertising on our Facebook page, our satellite Facebook page “Hatboro Farmer’s Market”, WRDV Radio Station, Hatboro Life Magazine, and plan to have a press release in the Public Spirit and Intelligencer newspapers * Considering featuring a local restaurant each week with samples, food sales, gift certificates * Volunteers from Meeting: Dani Harting, Doris Lloyd, Gary Piotrowski, Sherri LaPat, Dawn Marshall, Barb Samuel * Market will take place rain or shine – mimics area markets * We will have extra trash cans available – get from church? * We can use the bathroom in the Annex for the market | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
| Contact volunteers for Farmer’s Market Committee from this meeting | | | | Melinda Goodwin | | ASAP |
| Get extra trash cans for market (talk to church) | | | | Bob Griffenberg | | ASAP |
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| **Membership Drive Update** | | | Leslie Jones | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Want to match people’s interest with volunteer opportunities * Goal is economic revitalization with Member Discount Card * Card discounts designed to keep us shopping IN TOWN * NOW: 23 businesses participating; still going to businesses to solicit more participants * Updated merchants are on our Facebook and webpage * We have 10 boxes for membership forms to be put out across town at local businesses * Leslie will mail all cards to new members that register via website * We have sold 25 cards so far; goal is 100 * If no internet access, let us know – Leslie will mail agendas and minutes directly to you * Will reach out to Steve Barth to help | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
| Distribute new boxes at local businesses | | | | Leslie Jones | | ASAP |
| NEW BUSINESS | | | | | | |
| **Community Garden** | | | Jenn Cox | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Donation of all lumber, screws, and crushed gravel from Hatboro Lumber Company * Applied for grants from Lowes, Home Depot, and Walmart * Located on property of Hatboro Baptist Church * Need volunteers to build frames, plant, weed, water, and harvest * Soliciting on website, facebook, and through HHHS groups such as “Students for a Sustainable Future” * Suggestion: Solicit Eastern Votech for volunteers | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
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| **New Facebook Name** | | | Jenn Cox | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Our Facebook has officially changed to “Hatboro Residents’ Association” * We also have started a satellite Facebook page, “Hatboro Farmer’s Market” * We monitor activity – but tell us what YOU want to see on the Facebook page * RESIDENT REQUEST: More History – Contact Mary Porter, Millbrook Librarian as a resource * Chuck Harting, representing Millbrook, gave permission for us to repost any items on their Facebook page * We have increased our “likes” on Facebook by 250 in last week – getting more exposure! * RESIDENT COMMENT: Now that the Patch is gone, the HRA website is our source of info | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
| Contact Mary Porter, Millbrook Resource Librarian for history information to post on Facebook | | | | Jenn Cox | | ongoing |
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| **Communit-Tees** | | | Jenn Cox | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Free T-shirts were offered to us via a company called Communi-Tees (25 Large, 25 Extra-Large) * Company gets local businesses to purchase ads on back of shirts; company then distributes t-shirts to each business and other organizations to give away as they please * May have contest on Facebook or at Farmer’s Market to win T-shirts * T-shirts will arrive in June * We have no say on design of the shirts | | | | | | |
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| **Borough Council Meeting Update** | | | Michael Gorn | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Meeting was on 03/24/14 * There has been an extension of the Fire House grant to March 2015 * Borough Council is taking bids on: York and Byberry Engineering Study on puddling water, Street crossing to Pennypack, School District improvement of foot bridge from Horsham Road to school across creek (grant available for $195K – BC sending letter to endorse grant) * Dates set for Hatboro events: Carnival May 17-31, Car Show July 26th, Parade November 23rd | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
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| **Community Events / Chamber of Commerce** | | | Bill Godshall | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Bill is on Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce * Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce is holding event “Taste of Willow Grove” on March 30th 5-8pm * Tricentennial Celebration – 300th Anniversary of Hatboro – celebrating all year long * Next Tricentennial Meeting: April 7th at 7pm at Hatboro Federal Savings * Planning train from Ivyland to Willow Grove to travel back and forth once a month for fun * There was talk about First Fridays, which won’t be returning but there WILL be events scheduled all year on Fridays * Second Saturday will continue on April 12th * April 12th 12 to 3pm – Spring Easter Hunt (like a Spring Stroll) – each merchant will have 2 dozen eggs that they can fill with whatever they choose to distribute to kids who walk from store to store * April 26th – spring clean up (830-12pm) and shred/recycling (10a-2p) in Bank Street Parking Lot behind Burdicks * Montgomery County website also lists recycling events in the area (Chamber of Commerce trying to get Hatboro to host one of these events (right now, the closest is in Ambler) | | | | | | |
| * May 12th - Annual Golf Outing at Spring Mill Country Club –can get tickets on Chamber’s website. You can go to the dinner only at 6pm if you don’t wish to golf * Hatboro Hop will be rescheduled for the Fall – no date yet * Last year’s National Night Out: Hatboro won 1 of 5 state-wide awards! Senator Greenleaf was impressed! * This year National Night Out: August 8th behind McMackin’s – lots of freebies (HRA needs to participate in this event!) * Chamber is looking at holding a “Taste of Hatboro” event, similar to the old “Bids and Bites” * Event of the year: The “Borough Ball” – large event (185 people last year) – chaired by Bill Godshall – held at Spring Mill Country Club, but may move to Spring Mill Manor if gets too large * Formal event (tuxedos and gowns) – previously $90pp down to $65pp (changed from live band to DJ) * Now will be black tie OPTIONAL (can wear suits or dresses) * Chamber of Commerce pays for all town events (car show, parade, etc.) and the new Hat Lights (Borough pays the electric bill) * Currently Hatboro stores are 90% full * Joe Tryon has suggested the HRA combine with Millbrook to offer historical house tours for the Tricentennial * We will take any and all suggestions for additional Tricentennial events! | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
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| **Questions / Comments** | | | OPEN FORUM | | | |
| Discussion |  | | | | | |
| * Susan Tafel announced event to be held at Nathaniel Boileau Park in Upper Moreland with her puppet company performing: Saturday May 3 11am to 3pm, FREE hotdogs, FREE soda, FREE admission, includes hayrides, puppet show, live music and re-enactments. Located at corner of Byberry and Orangeman Roads. * SUGGESTION: bring back flowers hanging from street posts in front of stores (they were removed due to expense and maintenance) – encourage businesses to bring back and water their own? * Toni has all sorts of historic info from the 250th anniversary - “must have mustaches or 25 cent fine” * FOEP planning a picnic potluck supper in the park sometime in April * April 5th 7pm at Hatboro Baptist Church is another fine arts concert featuring a tenor grad student from Temple, Broadway and Classically trained as part of their Music Series * Concern about recent graffiti on Furniture Store by Train Station and broken window at Impact Thrift. Broken window was from a drunk leaving Connolly’s (not random vandalism). Ed McCash volunteer to help clean graffiti if business needs help. | | | | | | |
| Action Items | | | | Person Responsible | | Deadline |
| Publicize Boileau Farmstead Festival on Facebook | | | | Jenn | | ASAP |
| Post Music Series at Hatboro Baptist Church on Facebook | | | | Jenn | | ASAP |

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| Meeting Adjourned | |
| **Meeting adjourned by** | Melinda Goodwin |