Board of Trustee Meeting Sept 15 2024

Board Members: Steve Walker, Jim Sunny Sunyak, Lori Luken, Eric Morris, Randall Roberts, Tim Murphy, Valerie Gardner, Nancy Hoffner, Mark Middleton, Caitlin Edwards, Maureen Gatewood

Guests: Mark Anstadt, Petra Schmalbrock, Karen Walker, Brian Batchhelder, Başak Durgun, Aidan Reagh, Andrew Bashaw

Steve opens meeting 10:30am

Introduction of new board members, congratulations to re-elected board members

Introduction of guests and current board members

Election of officers

Randall: Motion for current slate of officers: Steve – president, Eric – treasurer, Lori - secretary

Mark second

Passed

Steve nominates Sunny for VP

Nancy Hoffner second

Passed

Steve

Minutes need approving from April 20 board meeting, Aug 3 retreat, Aug 4 board meeting

Tim: Motion to approve minutes from April 20, Retreat Aug 3, Aug 4 meetings

Val: second

Discussion: Aug 4 meeting minutes was missing a motion/vote conducted from Executive session; Robert's Rules allows motion/vote within ES

Sunshine law, Ohio open meetings act, no motion and vote within ES

As nonprofit, have to abide by sunshine law if receive public funds (per Andrew we do)

Dan Fausey, nonprofit division within the OAG; can we make motion and votes within ES; are we required to keep minutes; if not talking about public funds, does that matter

Table Aug 4 minutes to research ES appropriateness

Revised motion Tim: approve minutes from April 20 and Aug 3 retreat meetings; table Aug 4 meeting minutes until Oct 26 meeting

Val: second

Passed

Finance – Eric

Nothing to add from what he presented at annual meeting

Nancy suggested that finance report needs to be public information on website

Andrew:

Randall asks for an update on Shawnee properties

Andrew states that no money was received from the Appalachia Grant

127A condemned to un-condemned after foundation work(but no plumbing or electrical infrastructure exists), still no motion from potential buyers

127B current office

129 (blue house) needs interior work, (electric and plumbing, drywall work, painting), plan to

move office to 129 and have visitor center as well

America 250 grant program: plan to possibly submit grant application for building 129(not done yet)

Petra asked about cost of renovation of blue house (129), Andrew states cost of all 3 renovation (includes foundation work), about $300,000 which seems low

Discussion of feasibility of buildings to continue housing the offices; Andrew states that he feels it is important to continue improving on the existing buildings while the office is in Shawnee

Lori asks for volunteers for ad hoc committee to study moving offices vs staying

Old Business

Randall: dec 2022 board meeting there was comp time discussion at meeting, then dec 2023 comp time was supposed to be added to handbook per board meeting (approved), and has not been added yet. Andrew states there is a “working comp time policy” that is being used.

Personnel committee needs to finish this project.

New Business

Randall: motion to remove Alisha Fern from the board of trustees due to inactivity

Sunny: second

Discussion: has not been active for 1 year; has not been responding to attempts to communicate with her.

Passed

Andrew

Department of Labor has some new rules to look into on requirements of salary vs. hourly depending on the total annual pay. Their point is for employers to not take advantage of employees by putting them on lower salary rates. Andrew requested assistance to look into it because lower nonprofit salary rates could be near that line, thus forcing the BTA to make those folks hourly instead.

Mark

What is the membership status?

Valerie states membership is up, about 3%, likely due to Trail Fest

Membership committee looking for new members

Nancy

Promoting candidates to the general membership

Valerie sent out suggestions for developing policies, procedures for promoting candidates; this will be forwarded to the rest of the board

Sunny: Concern of electioneering using BTA branding

Discussion of only 4 candidates were presented on the Central Ohio facebook

Candidate of the BTA, not of the chapter; why didn't the BTA promote the candidates beside presenting on the Loop.

Making new rules, policies, etc for next year, collective effort between the BRC, Media Committee, and Bylaw committee

Steve

Currently 2 open board seats, the Board Resource Committee will discuss procedure for filling these seats at the next board meeting, Oct 26, 2024.

Tim

Thank you to the new board members for running and stepping up to work with existing board members.

Steve closes meeting at 1150