

Heart of the City Meeting

July 14, 2008 – Café Carpe

Present: Jill Kessenich, Steve Tesmer, Kitty Welch, Ann Engleman, Anders Yocom, Mary Linton, Kathy Kaufman, Joanne Moon, Leslie LaMuro, John Ottow, Jill Ottow, Elaine Doro-Johnson, Karen Geshko, Chuck Lemke, Richard Miller, Carolyn Rehm, Matt Lupe

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kitty Welch

Approval of Minutes: (Leslie/Jill O)

Truth to Power: In Memory of Lue Ehinger – Ann Engleman

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance \$2,586.07; YTD Contributions: \$1,530.50; YTD Expenses: \$1,478.78

New Bylaws

Anders gave a brief history of our current Bylaws and reasons for reworking. Rewrite was triggered by effort to obtain 501c3 status. Decision making process as defined by original Bylaws was complex, and needed simplification.

Discussion of new bylaws:

Mary L: How are board members other than officers selected?

Jill O: Board members can be an members, anyone can nominate (or self-nominate)

Motion to adopt (Jill O/Mary L). Passed unanimously.

Joanne Moon: Glad to see a defined period for membership – hopefully something will be sent out to remind people to pay dues annually.

Jill K asked for clarification on number of Board meetings per year (minimum of 6 per year)

Anders: Suggested that energy be focused on events that might involve the entire city rather than trying to come up with something every month.

Leslie: Concerned that if meetings are not scheduled on a regular basis it is easy to miss them or get confused.

Mary L: Concerned that lack of general meetings will make it hard to keep people engaged and informed.

Anders: Board needs to be sensitive to Mary's concerns about keeping people engaged.

Matt L: Asked for clarification on terms of Board.

Jill O: Initial terms should be set up to be staggered so that entire board does not change over at the same time.

Rescinding of Resolution of Intent

Resolution of intent stated that anything HOC does must reflect the Mission Statement. Bylaw committee felt that this was redundant. Decision will be left to the Board of Directors.

Election of Board of Directors

Nominations: Kitty Welch, Leslie LaMuro, Beth Gehred, Joan Callan, Mary Linton, Kathy Kaufman, Paul Habel, Karen Geshko, John Ottow, Amy Lutzke

Motion to adopt the above slate of directors in its entirety (Andy/Matt) – Passed unanimously

Set first board meeting date: Thursday, June 24.

Announcements

Kitty: Vicky Millbrath is organizing volunteers for flood cleanup contact her to help.

Jill O: Recently bought a sewing machine from Fort Sew & Vac, received a postcard thanking them for shopping at a locally owned business.

Jill O: Asked for update on Fort Stimulus package.

Kitty: ½ of original amount HOC pledged to the program has been paid out – program is still ongoing, another press release might be in order.

Anders: Spoke about Lue's involvement in the community, she will be missed.

Ann is collecting stories, etc about Lue.

Adjournment (Jill K/Joanne): 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Tesmer