EAST PASSYUNK CROSSING CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 6, 2014

Ss. Neumann- Goretti High School Cafeteria 1736 South 10th St., Philadelphia, PA

Board Members Present:

Joseph F. Marino, Board Co-Chair

Darren Fava, Board Co-Chair

Lee Tharps, Corresponding Secretary

Anna Reed, Fundraising & Events Chair

Laura Cella, At-Large Board Member

Erik Berger, At-Large Board Member  
Beth Dougherty, Education Chair

 Matt Simone, Beautification Chair  
David Goldfarb, Zoning Chair

Board Members Absent:

Chris Cozine, Recording Secretary

Roger Bruno, Treasurer

Lindy Backues, Outreach Chair

Trish Downey, At-Large Board Member

Ruth Robbins, Public Safety Board Member

Shawn Doyle, At-Large Board Member

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joseph Marino, 7:08 p.m.

March 2014 GM Agenda Approval and February GM Minutes Approval

Mr. Marino asked for a motion to approve the March 2014 General Meeting Agenda and February GM Minutes. Motion to approve both, as amended, by Mr. Goldfarb; Seconded by Mr. Tharps; motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports:

Co-Chair Report - Joseph F. Marino

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CO-CHAIR REPORT

March 2014

Routine operating functions of EPX, such as web page updates, check signing & meetings w/ my co-chair etc., I have the following to report.

1) Worked on EPX paper archives with Recording Secretary Chris Cozine.

2) Chaired "Boundaries Extension" meeting on Monday February 24th.        
  
3) Participated in EPX BID "Restaurant Week!"     
  
4) Secured $100 donation from Cantina towards underwriting the costs of the Education Committee's MLK Volunteer day at Southwark school.   
  
5) Conversations with Wendy Green-Harvey of SEPTA regarding setting date for mid-March regarding final details of their part in art installation.   
  
6) Scheduled Girl Scouts of America to sell cookies at March GM Meeting and to serve cookies as refreshments for meeting.

7) Continuing efforts to keep the wood sculpture entitled Rhythm #1 (1965) by Wharton Esherick, currently housed at that Free Library Branch, in place!   
  
8) Efforts with Corresponding Secretary Lee Tharps to have PAWS present in March at GM Meeting.

Co-Chair Report - Darren Fava

In addition to routine operation functions of EPX, Mr. Fava reported on the following:

* + Advised EPX BID and other neighborhood groups like PARC on signage.
  + Efforts, in vain, to contact Mural Arts regarding insurance for EPX/SEPTA Mifflin Substation Art Installation, Mr. Fava has asked Mr. Marino to reach out to Councilman Squilla to aid in this effort.

Recording  Secretary – Chris Cozine

* Not present, no report.

Corresponding Secretary – Lee Tharps

* Prepared agendas.
* Secured meeting spaces for most EPX committees.
* Worked with Philabundance to have them present at March meeting.

 Treasurer's Report – Roger Bruno

In the treasurer's absence Mr. Marino read the report submitted.

Balances in Operating Account $4,912 and grant Account $10,815.66 at end of February 2014.

Committee Reports

Outreach/Membership - Lindy Bachues

  Meetings with Indonesian community groups, SEEMAC and others to get them involved with EPX Community Garden.

Beautification Committee – Matt Simone

EPX Community Garden working day Saturday, March 8th at !1:00 a.am. is scheduled. and another is proposed for Saturday March 29th. Big CIty Sweep is scheduled for Saturday April 5th!

 Education Committee –Beth Dougherty

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* CDC grant received for Southwark School Yard. Multi-year, multi-million dollar project at teh infancy stage. $1500 needed for initial stage in two increments of $750.00. First payment secured, planning fundraisers for balance, etc.
* Education Committee Postcards produced and distributed to build awareness and generate committee membership.
* Southwark School library in need of volunteers!

**Public Safety & Town Watch – Ruth Robbins - Absent, written report submitted.   
  
Efforts to recruit membership for the committee and to rejuvenate Block Captains!**

**Outreach & Events – Anna Reed**

Bowling Event which will be held on Saturday May 3rd at 7 p.m. in St. Monica's Lanes 16th and Porter will be focus of her committee work in the next few months, volunteers needed!Flyer produced for distribution 

Zoning and Planning – Dave Goldfarb

* 1016-1022 Watkins Street variance to remove garage and put home addition in its place, request supported.
* 1218-1222 Snyder Ave, (Old Superior Plumbing) Detailed agreement with new beer distributor generated and approved.
* Thai Restaurant at 13th and Snyder vetted by Lower Moyamensing Civic with EPX input.

At-Large Board Member Reports

No Reports this month.

Old Business

·         SEPTA Art Installation Update

* + Mr. Marino working with At-Large Board Member Trish Downey has prepared grant application to Beneficial Bank. If they do not support effort Valley Green Bank is more than willing to help! Mr. Marino arranging final meeting with SEPTA once insurance issue is addressed.
  + Mr. Marino at  Mr. Fava's request scheduling late March meeting with EPX, SEPTA, Mural Arts and Councilman Squilla to finalize all aspects of project!
  + **Bowling Event**
    - Covered under Fundraising and Events Committee report.
* **EPX Garden Lease**- Signed by EPX and Ss. Neumann-Goretti, awaiting Archdiocesan input.

Order of the Day: Presentation – Philadundance

In-depth audio-visual presentation by Stephen Schaeffer, Food Drive Coordinator for Philabundance.

Followed by question and answer session and detailed description of what efforts EPX needs to make for a successful spring 2014 food drive.

New Business:

**EPX Spring Food Drive** - Initial discussion in conjunction with Philadundance presentation. 

Announcements:

Adjournment:

 Mr. Marino adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.