

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 13, 2014

Present: Tim Bibler, Dennis Brandon, Bill Case, 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 Semon

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 5-10 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-on 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 would allow such actions until the Organizational Development Committee had time to look at amending the By-Laws and/or the Constitution to accommodate the practice/procedure.

Following discussion on the language of the procedure, President Likins tabled any action and asked the Board Attorney, Mr. McNealey, and the Secretary to 'word-smith' the procedure and bring it back to the Board's attention under Old Business.

Treasurer Tim Bibler reported that the new auditors, Norman Jones Enlow and Company, had met with members of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Executive Director and would be providing a timely report back to the Board early in the second quarter of 2014.

Treasurer Bibler asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report for December, 2013.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report for audit. [Bibler, Congrove]
Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Marie Trudeau, the new chair of the German Village Business Committee, was present and reported on the new organization and operation plans for the Committee and noted that she was looking forward to

her new responsibilities. Ms. Trudeau also reported that new maps are in the works. President Likins welcomed her and thanked Ms. Trudeau for taking on the leadership of GVBC.

Vice President Darci Congrove reported to the Board on the work of the Historic Preservation Committee and its signage sub-committee. She reported that an RFP had been prepared by John Pribble for the committee to seek a vendor to design a comprehensive sign plan, to include: street signs, way-finding signs, story-telling/historic/preservation designation signs. The money for this project was raised by the T42 annual fundraiser. The fund currently has \$45,000. Ms. Congrove also reported that she had met with Friends of Schiller Chair Katharine Moore and that they were moving forward to have the Schiller Statue sign placed soon after the restoration of the statue is completed. The restoration of the statue is being funded by the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Department.

Mr. Curlis reported on the confusion (his) over the status of Society membership in GVBC and “members” as described in the Constitution. Does a membership in GVBC constitute membership in the Society (it does), and does “membership” in the Society as a result of membership in GVBC put the member’s name in the Society Directory in both the GVBC Directory and the Member Director (it does not). Mr. Curlis raised further questions regarding the voting status of individuals who buy membership in GVBC and in the Society, separately, and whether buying multiple listings in GVBC gave the “member” multiple ballots. Following discussion, these questions were referred to the Membership Committee and to the Organizational Development Committee for further discussion and resolution.

Ms. Todorov reported on hiring the Historic Preservation Advocate, Sarah Marsom, and the Assistant for Visitorism, Mark Weiss. Both will be at the next meeting of the Board and will be introduced to the community in N4N and the Gazette.

Ms. Todorov also reported that the APA Livable Neighborhoods Workshop dates had to be changed because of a conflict with a three state APA conference and that the new dates are September 16-18, 2014.

Ms. Todorov gave a brief report on the 2014 Haus und Garten and the Pre-Tour promising more detail at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Likins asked for a report from Mr. McNealey regarding electronic voting by the Board and Mr. McNealey offered the following:

MOTION: In exceptional circumstances requiring immediate response or prior authorization, the Board of Trustees may take action by electronic voting. As determined jointly by the President and the Executive Director, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall conduct an electronic vote by e-mail, to each Board member’s authorized e-mail address. Passage of any vote by electronic voting shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board.

At the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, the President shall bring the electronic vote results to the attention of the Board and said vote shall be ratified by all members of the Board of Trustees, at that meeting. The Secretary shall record any electronic vote results in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. [Case, Congrove]
Motion approved.

The business of the January 13, 2014, meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Jeanne Likins, President

2014 Strategic Planning Task Force German Village Society

Task Force Members:

Amanda Smolinec, facilitator
Darci Congrove (trustee representative)
Chris Crader
Joy Godfrey
Connie Swain
Shiloh Todorov (executive director)
Nancy Turner

Purpose: to evaluate the German Village Society's mission and vision and to recommend a strategic plan to guide the Society's focus and goals for the next 5-10 years

Goals:

- Review the German Village Society's mission and vision, in the context of German Village today and in the future, for continued relevance and make recommendations as needed
- Develop a strategic plan which identifies the three to five most pivotal strategies for the German Village Society to pursue over the next number of years and, which includes specific goals supporting these strategies and facilitating their execution
- Suggest measures of success or achievement of goals

Process:

This diverse group will craft a process which ensures that GVS staff, board members, committee chairs, and interested others will be invited to share their views during the process and to learn what the Strategic Planning Task Force is thinking about and where its recommendations are heading. The board, committee leaders and task force members will be called on to help implement the recommendations once the board acts on these.

Timeline: final report/recommendations to the GVS Board of Trustees mid-late summer 2014.

German Village Society Mission Statement:

The German Village Society is dedicated to retaining the character and distinction of the past while creating a thriving and contemporary community in German Village.

German Village Vision

We will be a celebrated, vibrant downtown neighborhood with historic integrity and a charming, pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

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German Village 2017

German Village will be a celebrated, vibrant downtown neighborhood with historic integrity and a charming, pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

In addition, the German Village Society board has agreed on what the Society's role should be in helping our neighborhood achieve the vision. The German Village Society will provide:

- Civic advocacy and education
- Community engagement
- A neighborhood hub
- Support for the historic preservation and architectural review process
- Resources and leadership

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
2014 TRUSTEE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

German Village Society Trustees may support the mission, vision and activities of the Society in many ways. This Menu of Support is intended to give Trustees a variety of ways and means to pledge your support. Each Trustee should seek to make commitments that are consistent with their interests, experience, knowledge, and circumstances to provide meaningful involvement in the mission of the German Village Society.

German Village Events

Sponsorship

- Recruit/introduce potential sponsor(s)
- Assist in solicitation of sponsor(s)
- Provide personal sponsorship(s)

Leadership

- Serve on a committee
- Chair a committee
- Serve as Board Liaison on a committee
- Become an officer

Support

- Purchase tickets to events
 - Uberfreund Package
 - Tea 43206
 - Pre-Tour
 - Art Crawl
 - Monster Bash
 - APA Speaker
- Sell tickets to events
 - Uberfreund Package
 - Tea 43206
 - Pre-Tour
 - Art Crawl
 - Monster Bash
 - APA Speaker
- Provide In-kind event support
- Recruit In-kind event support
- Host an event
- Annual Big Give Contributor
- Make a cash donation

Membership

- Recruit members at all levels
 - I pledge to recruit new members
 - I pledge to ask renewing members to step-up their membership level

Recruit new GVBC members at all levels
Increase your personal membership level

Volunteer Service

Volunteer on a committee(s)
Committee Interest(s)
Where needed

Volunteer at the Meeting Haus
(administrative support/special projects from Executive Director, staff Visitor Center,
etc.)

Volunteer for an event

Volunteer professional and personal skills and talents
Identify your experience and talents
Seek, write, and/or edit grant(s)

Board Volunteer Service

Regularly attend all Board meetings
Actively participate in all Board meetings
Participate in discussion and offer assistance when asked
by the President or the Executive Director
Participate in any e-mail discussion and or votes
Attend key events
Represent/speak on behalf of the German Village Society
at special events on behalf of the President or
the Executive Director

Gift(s) and Donation(s)

Give or get a significant gift to the Society
Give or get an annual recurring donation(s)
Give myself, or get others to participate in a planned giving program
Participate in a company sponsored matching gift program
Underwrite a program or project

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GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 9, 2013

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

Staff and Guests: Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Greg Gamier, Jim Nichols, and Gary Semon

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Vice President Congrove.

Public Participation

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

Report of the President

Vice President Congrove welcomed our newest Board member, Brittany Gibson, to the Board and the members of the Board introduced themselves to her.

Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2013.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2013. [Curlis, McNealey]
Motion approved.

Treasurer Tim Bibler asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the hiring of an Auditor for the budget year 2013.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. [Case, Hune]
Motion approved.

E X E C U T I V E S E S S I O N

The Board returned from executive session at 6:20 p.m. and the following motion was made:

MOTION: That the German Village Society enter into an engagement letter with Norman Jones Enlow & Co., for audit and tax work to be performed for the year ending December 31,2013, and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign said contract of engagement.
[McNealey, Case]
Motion approved.

Treasurer Tim Bibler presented the Treasurer's Report for November.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report for audit. [Bibler, Cavalaris]
Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Tim Bibler, Chair of the Parking Committee provided a more detailed oral report on the recent research and data collection that the Parking Committee had conducted, the appearance of committee members at the City of Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission, and the denial of the request for parking permit limitations on Fifth Street by the Columbus Transportation and Pedestrian Commission. Mr. Bibler noted that the Parking Committee will be conducting a Village-wide study of parking with the help of students from The Ohio State University beginning in January, 2014. Details of the study, findings, and any recommendations will include public participation and community involvement in all stages. Ms. Todorov will write her next column on the topic and seek patience from the German Village community regarding parking issues until factual information can support any proposals for solution.

Shiloh Todorov reported that she had met with all individuals and groups within the Society to discuss and obtain support for a unified development outreach for 2014, to include shared donor lists and coordinated asks. She noted the great success the Garten Club and the Friends of Schiller had when they coordinated their efforts and that coordination reduces 'donor fatigue' with many people asking multiple times.

Greg Gamier, Co-Chair of the German Village Business Committee, reported for the final time as he stepped down as chair, and thanked Sarah Clark for the great job she had done with all of the publicity for Village Lights. Village Lights was a tremendous success and he thanked his committee and all the vendors for their participation and hard work.

Chris Hune reported that the Historic Preservation committee did not meet. Nonetheless, she noted that she was actively involved with the Executive Director (and Commissioner Ned Thiell and Treasurer Bibler) in the interview process to hire the Historic Preservation Advocate. There are 14 applicants for the position, all with highly qualified credentials.

Susan Sutherland reported that the Membership Committee was working on 2014 renewals. Mr. Bibler asked that the Board encourage gift memberships to the Society. Ms. Sutherland also noted that 2014 is a German Village Directory year and that her committee had already begun work on this project.

Organizational Development Committee Chair Bill Case reported that the committee had met to discuss the Board Commitment of Support draft document. The first thing the committee did was change the name of the document to Opportunities for Support. The Committee recommended that the full board discuss this document and its intent, at the scheduled retreat in January, 2014. In order to be effective and useful, every Board member must 'buy-in' to its purpose and need. Mr. Case also asked Board members to review the Constitution and By-laws and make suggestions for any clarification and conflicts that need to be resolved.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov reported that she had changed Russ Arledge's duties and title to more clearly represent his responsibilities. Mr. Arledge's new title is Curator of Archives and Facilities. Ms. Todorov also reported that the officers had changed her title to Executive Director also more fully defining her duties and responsibilities. Both titles will take effect on January 1, 2014.

Ms. Todorov reported that she and Matt Shad (APA staff) had negotiated a contract with the Southern Hotel for the APA conference and that board attorney Jeff McNealey had review the contract. She asked for board approval.

MOTION: That a contract between the Southern Hotel and the German Village Society for the 2014 APA Conference be entered into and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the German Village Society. [Bibler, McNealey]
Motion approved.

Ms. Todorov reported that she had negotiated a new contract with Tanya Rutner and Raising Green for 2014 for fundraising and development services and asked the Board for approval.

MOTION: That a contract between Raising Green and the German Village Society for 2014 be entered into and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign said contract on behalf of the German Village Society. [Cavalari, McNealey]

Ms. Todorov reported that development activities for the 2014 Haus und Garten Tour were underway and that revenues were well up over 2013, at this time and 2013. 2013 sponsors asked to return to partnership in 2014 are enthusiastically saying, "yes" and asking how they can increase their support. Details and announcements will be made in early 2014.

Ms. Arledge reported that he had posted over \$10,000 in 2014 membership renewals with 60 (plus) individuals/households.

There being no further questions regarding committee and staff reports, Vice President Congrove asked the Executive Director to present the 2014 Budget for approval.

2014 Budget

Ms. Todorov presented the budget for 2014 and noted changes as a result of final figures and approved contracts since the November draft budget discussion by the Board. Ms. Todorov again noted that this was a very conservative, realistic budget and that it supported our mission and goals for 2014.

Following extensive discussion and questions from the Board, the following motion was offered:

MOTION: That the balanced 2014 Budget of the German Village Society, as presented herein and made a part hereof, be adopted. [Bibler, Hune]

Motion approved and the 2014 Budget is adopted
[See, attached documents.]

Ms. Todorov asked that the Board, fulfilling its previous commitment of support, place the cash balance in the 2013 budget in the Historic Preservation Fund.

MOTION: That any unencumbered cash balance after all 2013 expenses have been paid be paid into the Historic Preservation Restriction, a designated line item within the 2014 budget. [Cavalaris, McNealey]

Motion approved.

The business of the December, 2013 meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Darci Congrove, Vice President

Electronic Voting by the Board of Trustees

Procedure

Authorized: January 13, 2014

In exceptional circumstances requiring immediate response or prior authorization, the Board of Trustees may take action by electronic voting. The President, or any three officers, may require the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to conduct an electronic vote by e-mail, to each Board member's authorized e-mail address. If the topic of the vote was discussed at a previous meeting of the Board of Trustees, only those members present at the time of the debate are eligible to vote electronically.

At the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, the President shall bring the electronic vote results to the attention of the Board and said vote shall be confirmed by all members of the Board of Trustees, at that meeting. The Secretary shall record any electronic vote results in the minutes of the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

German Village Society Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2013

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	33.55
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	82,916.59
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	88,052.46
Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 171,002.60
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	0.00
Bicentennial Fund	0.00
Council of Historic Neighborhoods	1,777.87
For the Good of the Neighborhood	39.46
Frank Fetch Park/Maintenance	50.00
Fund for Historic Preservation	44,987.38
German Village Business Community	41,601.59
Highfield Garden	588.57
Historic Preservation Expert Restriction	12,999.60
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	2,516.20
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	14,115.53
Schiller Park Enhancements	870.00
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	2,191.27
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	1,541.70
Schiller Trash Can Fund	0.00
Village Connections	0.00
Village Singers	3,165.45
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 126,444.62
Board Designated Funds	
Meeting Haus Maint/Replacement	174,161.49
Warner Maintenance - 0330	172,210.10
Warner Maintenance - 2342	0.00
Warner Maintenance - 5402	0.00
Warner Maintenance - 8188	0.00
Total Board Designated Funds	\$ 346,371.59
Total Board Designated Bank Accounts	\$ 472,816.21
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	
Frank Fetch Endowment	0.00
Fund at Columbus Foundation	753.93
Huntington Garden Endowment	178,213.49
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 178,967.42
Petty Cash	700.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 823,486.23
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other current assets	
Credit Card Receivables	137.97
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	0.00
Inventory	1,000.00
prepaid Expenses	2,600.00
Undeposited Funds	15,369.93
Total Other current assets	\$ 19,107.90
Total Current Assets	\$ 842,594.13

German Village Society Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2013

	Total
Fixed Assets	
Building 588 South Third Street	
Cost	759,990.66
Depreciation	-527,326.56
Land	40,000.00
Total Building 588 South Third Street	\$ 272,664.10
Leasehold Improvements	99,035.64
Office Equipment	
Cost	96,047.23
Depreciation	-195,037.23
Total Office Equipment	-\$ 98,990.00
Office Furniture	
Cost	113,895.39
Depreciaton	
Total Office Furniture	\$ 113,895.39
Office Paintings	
Cost	1,775.00
Total Office Paintings	\$ 1,775.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 388,380.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,230,974.26
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	1,500.00
Deferred Revenue-Property Taxes	0.00
Designated Funds GVBC Payable	0.00
Designated Funds GVS Payable	549.01
Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Prepaid GVBC Membership Dues	5,550.00
Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees	2,400.00
Prepaid GVS Membership Dues	22,358.34
Sales tax payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 32,357.35
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 32,357.35
Total Liabilities	\$ 32,357.35
Equity	
Designated Earnings	
Non Restricted	0.00
Restricted	0.00
Total Designated Earnings	\$ 0.00
Retained Earnings	1,078,517.62
Net Income	120,099.29
Total Equity	\$ 1,198,616.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 1,230,974.26

German Village Society
Budget Overview: FY2014 - FY14 P&L Classes
 January - December 2014

	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014	May 2014	Jun 2014	Jul 2014	Aug 2014	Sep 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2014	Dec 2014	Total
Income													
Admission/Event Income	62,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	23,500.00	76,850.00	3,700.00	0.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	194,550.00
Advertising Income	3,600.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	8,200.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00	23,500.00
Contributions	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,000.00
In-Kind Donations	5,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	61,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	99,000.00
Membership Dues - GVS	54,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,250.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,750.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	78,000.00
Membership Dues -GVBC	6,500.00	1,500.00	250.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	75.00	150.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Merchandise Income	6,083.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	83.00	87.00	7,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	9,100.00
Rental Income	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,583.00	1,587.00	19,000.00
Sponsorship	16,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	21,500.00	16,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	7,500.00	67,500.00
Tour Income	75.00	150.00	750.00	75.00	450.00	1,250.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,500.00	500.00	250.00	6,000.00
Total Income	\$ 159,966.00	\$ 9,816.00	\$ 10,666.00	\$ 29,141.00	\$ 90,816.00	\$ 164,791.00	\$ 9,466.00	\$ 9,741.00	\$ 6,566.00	\$ 17,891.00	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 14,624.00	\$ 525,650.00
Gross Profit	\$ 159,966.00	\$ 9,816.00	\$ 10,666.00	\$ 29,141.00	\$ 90,816.00	\$ 164,791.00	\$ 9,466.00	\$ 9,741.00	\$ 6,566.00	\$ 17,891.00	\$ 2,166.00	\$ 14,624.00	\$ 525,650.00
Expenses													
Accounting Expense	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	924.00	11,000.00
Advertising	100.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	3,000.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	450.00	1,700.00	0.00	3,250.00	10,000.00
Audit Fees	0.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees	2,408.00	408.00	408.00	408.00	1,008.00	1,883.00	2,033.00	258.00	258.00	208.00	208.00	312.00	9,800.00
Computer Related Costs	300.00	200.00	200.00	300.00	300.00	2,000.00	750.00	250.00	200.00	200.00	300.00	3,000.00	8,000.00
Consulting Fees	26,916.00	1,416.00	4,416.00	1,416.00	1,416.00	4,416.00	1,416.00	1,416.00	1,416.00	1,416.00	1,416.00	1,424.00	48,500.00
Equipment Rental	4,650.00	300.00	300.00	550.00	300.00	6,400.00	400.00	500.00	900.00	900.00	500.00	400.00	16,100.00
Food/Beverages	20,483.00	483.00	1,333.00	333.00	3,283.00	10,683.00	483.00	1,083.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	1,087.00	41,000.00
Gifts & Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	300.00	1,350.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	2,500.00
In-Kind Expense	5,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	61,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	99,000.00
License/Fees/Permits	350.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Meeting Haus Cleaning	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00	8,700.00
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2,775.00	1,675.00	1,275.00	1,925.00	975.00	6,175.00	925.00	1,425.00	925.00	1,425.00	925.00	1,425.00	21,850.00
Payroll Processing	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	1,500.00
Payroll Taxes	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	1,070.00	12,840.00
Postage	749.00	249.00	349.00	1,499.00	1,449.00	1,049.00	549.00	299.00	999.00	299.00	249.00	261.00	8,000.00
Printing/Signage	6,200.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	4,300.00	1,000.00	400.00	1,500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	2,500.00	20,400.00
Property & D/O Insurance	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	295.00	295.00	295.00	295.00	295.00	520.00	520.00	295.00	295.00	295.00	295.00	305.00	4,000.00
Salaries/Wages	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	13,375.00	160,500.00
Security	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
Storage	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	1,020.00
Supplies	908.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	1,783.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	208.00	212.00	4,775.00
Transportation/Towing	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	8,075.00
Utilities	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,166.00	1,174.00	14,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 91,321.00	\$ 26,996.00	\$ 38,946.00	\$ 29,396.00	\$ 64,496.00	\$ 120,596.00	\$ 29,096.00	\$ 24,796.00	\$ 24,296.00	\$ 27,246.00	\$ 23,421.00	\$ 31,754.00	\$ 532,360.00
Net Operating Income	\$ 68,645.00	-\$ 17,180.00	-\$ 28,280.00	-\$ 255.00	\$ 26,320.00	\$ 44,195.00	-\$ 19,630.00	-\$ 15,055.00	-\$ 17,730.00	-\$ 9,355.00	-\$ 21,255.00	-\$ 17,130.00	-\$ 6,710.00
Other Income													
Transfers In	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	916.00	924.00	11,000.00
Total Other Income	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 11,000.00
Net Other Income	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 916.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 11,000.00
Net Income	\$ 69,561.00	-\$ 16,264.00	-\$ 27,364.00	\$ 661.00	\$ 27,236.00	\$ 45,111.00	-\$ 18,714.00	-\$ 14,139.00	-\$ 16,814.00	-\$ 8,439.00	-\$ 20,339.00	-\$ 16,206.00	\$ 4,290.00

Meeting Minutes – Historic Preservation Committee
12/19/13

Chair Chris Hune called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed all the participants. She began the meeting by toasting the committee and all its accomplishments for 2013 and thanked them for their efforts this past year.

Shiloh gave an update on our new preservation officer, Sarah Marsom who will be starting her new position in January. She brings a lot of good experience and we're looking forward to her getting started. Jody will remain engaged and support our efforts as needed, keeping tabs on grant deadlines and other projects as we move forward and see a need for her talents. It was suggested that we bring Jody into town to help provide a more in depth orientation. Shiloh will follow up on this.

Shiloh asked that we get a date for Caretakers of a Legacy awards for 2014. It will be scheduled for May 14th.

Project Updates:

Oral Histories – Bill Case reported that they have interviewed three additional GV members recently, Pat Phillips and Barb and Ed Elberfeld. He indicated that to date they have done 30 interviews and in 2014 think that they would like to pursue our restaurateurs as well as a focus on authors and artists in our community. They are also working on transcriptions of all interviews. He also mentioned that John Clark is working on a Fred & Howard vignette.

Digitization Project – Russ Arledge reported that they are up to the S's and R's in the house file scanning project. He will have OSU students coming on board in January to help with the archives project. His goal to have everything on the web has slowed down with Elise's departure but hopefully that will get back on track soon.

Visitors Center – There has been an updated conceptual drawing for the visitors center presented for review. This will give us a good funding piece as we move forward.

Signage – Shiloh reported that John Pribble is working on an RFP for the design portion. This will encompass potential costs, design and order of projects. The plan is to include signage for Schiller Park, street signs, wayfinding and storytelling. He hopes to have it ready by the end of March.

APA Updates – We will need to schedule the conference from our original dates of October 7th to 9 to a date earlier in September as the regional APA will be taking place in the same timeframe.

GV Commission Highlights – Ned indicated that in 2014 slate roofs will be a focus as we are starting to lose a number of them. He suggested that an inventory of the existing residences with slate roofs take place as well as ancillary structures. Shiloh suggested that this could be a project for our new HPO if we can get some additional volunteers to help. He also mentioned that the Walters residence is progressing. He wanted to make us aware that as the exterior improvements are made, the scale will be larger than a typical residence. He pointed out that since the size of the residence is much larger, the exterior improvements will be to the scale of that property which is appropriate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2014 – 6 p.m.

December 2013 Meeting Minutes

1. Southside STAY

- GVS has been kind enough to agree to serve as fiscal agent for Southside STAY
- Southside STAY is currently working on completing their bylaws and applying for official 501c3 status with the IRS
- The next STAY Meeting will be held on January 16th. Details will follow shortly on the STAY facebook page.

2. Transportation Follow Ups

- GV & COTA - No Update

3. Village Connections

- Launch date has been set for January 19th!
- They have hired Katie White as the Director of Village Connections and she can be reached at katie@vccolumbus.org
- The membership costs will be \$500 per year for an individual and \$750 per year for a household

4. Barrett School

- No update on Homeport Project. They continue to work on their site plan.

5. Highway Construction

- Ongoing topic to keep in our agenda and think about
- There will obviously be significant changes to the traffic patterns of GV so we want to pay close attention to this project as it continues to develop
- Big questions for LRP go forward:
 - What should the new signage be for GV?
 - New space will be created on the north end of GV (although technically outside of our historic boundaries since it will be on the north side of Livingston). What should our involvement be here?
 - How will this change the accessibility of GV to residents of Columbus as well as visitors from other cities?

6. New Resident Welcome Packages

- We are going to hold off on pursuing this further at this time
- We still feel like there is an opportunity to improve on the GVS's greeting of new residences. We might try to incorporate this into our plan to engage new renters/members for 2014

7. Local Liaisons

- Downtown SIDs - Ed Elberfeld - No update
- Parsons Ave Merchants - Matt Eshelbrenner and Jo Anne St. Clair - No update
- Greenlawn Abbey - Trevor Major - No update
- Grange Audobon - Ed Elberfeld - No update

8. 2014 Project - How can we better engage Renters?

- The GVS is working to form a small group which will develop a Strategic Plan for the Society as a whole. We feel that parts of this project will be incorporated in the strategic plan for how to grow the GVS
- With that we are still going to work through some ideas at our next meeting however this project might be put on hold for a month or two to allow the Strategic Planning Group to help formulate their opinions on the issue
- Goal for the January Meeting is to review the outline of a document that will cover some of these topics and discuss their integration into the GVS

(Notes from our previous meeting for our reference)

Key parties that need to be engaged in the discussion

- Landlords
- Renters
- Service Providers
- Real Estate Agents

How do we get those who don't own their own home but live in German Village more involved?

- Becoming members in GVS?
- Involved in volunteering for GVS?
- What is the best way to contact these individuals?
- What is the best way to market GVS to these individuals?
- 50% of people who live in GV are renters. How can we get these individuals and families more involved?
- Renting Residents?

Ideas to be discussed as next steps

- Landlord Forum?
- Renter Forum?
- What is the messaging to engage these individuals from the Membership Committee?
- Should there be a "Junior Membership" level of the GVS to help encourage participation from younger residents?

9. Open Discussion on New Ideas

- None

Thanks,
Matt

Matthew Eshelbrenner
Planning - Knits, Sweaters, Winterwear
Abercrombie & Fitch
614.283.7234 (desk)

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
Membership	Susan Sutherland	12/11/13
Number of Attendees:		New Members?:
8 Inc Susan		no
Executive Summary:		
<p>All focus towards Membership Directory. Volunteers calling businesses for advertising, printing costs, accuracy of important contact info for residents.</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for staff time or Volunteers? At Feb 27th event a 2-3 board members to attend the event at Susan's home would be helpful. Financial Resources? May need a small contribution for the Feb 27th event. Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included 		
Next Steps:		
<p>Committee planing a cocktail event at Susan Sutherland's home for new home owner's who have not committed to a GVS membership. Feb 27th.</p> <p>Purpose is to increase attendance at an event in a home versus the smaller attendance at the GVS Meeting Haus.</p>		



Parks, Public Spaces & Community Events Committee
Minutes of the November 7, 2013 Meeting

Sara McNealey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Craig Seeds, Linda Friedman, Katharine Moore, Ann Lilly, Shiloh Todorov, Connie Swain, Carol Mullinax, Frank Wickham, Dennis McCann

The minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved.

Sara welcomed Dennis McCann to the meeting. Dennis has been appointed to serve as the board liaison to the PPSCE Committee.

Actors' Theatre

Carol Mullinax, on behalf of Actors' Theatre, offered a champagne toast of thanks to Sara for spearheading the landscaping of the Caretaker's Cottage in Schiller Park, which serves as the home for Actors' Theatre.

In other news, Actors' is currently involved in a Power to Give campaign to raise money for a new sound system for Schiller Park. The Greater Columbus Arts Council, the Columbus Foundation, Cardinal Health, and JP Morgan Chase all have generously volunteered to match dollar for dollar every donation made to Actors' Theatre as part of this campaign. Shiloh volunteered to post this information on the GVS Facebook page.

Garten Club

Jerry Glick was unable to attend the meeting so Linda Friedman gave the Garten Club update. The Holiday Greens Sale was a big success with a 30% increase in sales over last year. The Third Street Boxes will once again be decorated for the holiday season and the annual Holiday Tree Lighting is being held on December 6 at Frank Fetch Park. The realty firm of Vutech and Ruff will decorate the park for the Tree Lighting ceremony. Linda, on behalf of the Garten Club, thanked Craig Seeds for making certain that the mantles for the gaslights in Frank Fetch Park were repaired prior to the ceremony.

Also holiday-related, Linda reminded that the flower boxes along Third Street will be planted with evergreens and decorated in time for the Holiday Lights event. This year, as in the past, anyone who is interested can dedicate one of the trees as a memorial to friends, family, or pets. For additional information, please contact GVGC President, Bob Mullinax, at mullinax.bob@gmail.com or by calling (614) 670-8810. GVGC will also have a booth at the Marktplatz during the holiday lights event.

Linda also invited everyone to attend the GVGC Wine Tasting Fundraiser that is being held on Monday, November 17th, at 7:00 pm at Barcelona.

St. Mary Church and School

Frank Wickham reported that of the 230 students enrolled this year, 66 are students who qualify for vouchers. The vouchers do not cover the cost of educating the students,

so each of the voucher student's tuition is supplemented with money that is raised by various fundraisers held throughout the school year.

Planning is underway for the Church's sesquicentennial in 2015, including holding public meetings, conducting oral interviews, etc. Events for the upcoming holiday season include an Adopt-a-Family program, Christmas tree sale, and participation in the German Village Tree Lighting Ceremony.

German Village Society

Shiloh Todorov reported that the society is sponsoring a Donor Appreciation event on November 19 at Clayspace, located at 31 S. Front Street. Attendees will have the opportunity to view the exhibits, plus try their hand at various pottery projects.

The GVS Annual Meeting was held on October 27 in the Fest Hall. The exhibits were very well received. On December 18, a meeting will be held with all of the GVS groups with designated funds to examine different approaches to fundraising.

Shiloh also reported that a Carriage House addition was recently approved by the Commission, but it was later noted that the addition could affect the health of a nearby walnut tree. Craig Seeds said that the Department would check out the tree and report back to Shiloh.

The Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine Moore submitted a written report, which is attached.

Kindred Spirits, the scotch tasting fundraiser, which was held on Friday, October 11, was very successful and seems destined to become an annual event. Katharine reported that she recently explored the possibility of strengthening the documentation of Schiller Park within the nomination the German Village Society submitted to the National Register of Historic Places decades ago. The Park Service encourages districts to amend the files with additional detail that explains the historic significance of a site. Katharine inquired about staff help and Shiloh encouraged her to submit the request in writing.

The Annual Marathon Party was not well attended this year. Katharine said she would encourage the Marathon organizers to include the community in the mile marker celebrations along the route next year.

Highfield Garden: Ann Lilly reported that the garden has been put to bed for the winter and that discussions concerning replacing the crumbling stone around the Umbrella Girl Fountain continue.

Arboretum Fund: Lindy Michael was unable to attend and asked Carol to let everyone know that she is working with Chad Hoff to see which six or seven new trees will be

planted in late November or early December. She will report on the details at the next meeting.

The Farm

Connie Swain reported that the Farm had a very successful year, with lots of produce donated to the pharmacy for distribution. Some people are not aware of the fact that there are basically two types of beds at the farm. Some of the beds are designated as donation-only beds and all of the produce from those beds is donated to the church. With other beds, the person who "farms" the bed is allowed to take produce home for personal use, but many of them still end up donating a lot of their produce to the pharmacy.

Huntington Garden

Linda Friedman said that most of the garden has been put to bed, but the mums are still doing well and, for the first time ever, there are fall blooming irises.

Fun Committee

No report.

Recreation and Parks Department

Craig Seeds made the much-welcomed announcement, on behalf of Alan McKnight, Director of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, the department will fund the repair of the Schiller Monument in 2014. Katharine, Connie, and Ann were thrilled to learn that the pledge by Councilman Zack Klein to find a solution to the issue resulted in a commitment to repair the historic treasure. They also asked Sara McNealey to thank her husband Jeff for being a champion of the cause.

Craig also reported that the city is revising its 10-year Master Plan and is sponsoring regional meetings to gather citizen input. Katharine said it was important that the Friends of Schiller keep up with this opportunity for input, as air conditioning for the Schiller Park Recreation Center belongs on any revised list of priorities.

In other news, Sara asked that Craig have his staff members check the furnace vent at the corner of the cottage. She is concerned that the air from the vent might harm the cedar that was recently planted there.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Hearing no other business, Sara adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am. The December meeting is not being held this year. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9 am on January 9, 2014 (one week later than usual due to the New Years).

Report to the Parks, Public Spaces and Community Events Committee

From: Katharine Moore, Chair, Friends of Schiller Park

October 3, 2013

We are sold out for *Kindred Spirits*, the scotch tasting fundraiser on Friday, October 11. Auction items, tasting glasses, bagpipe player all in place. Carol Mullinax has created a STUNNING slide show of the park to be projected on to a wall in Bill Main's living room. The host committee has been terrific and Kelly Clark and Bill Mains are stars for offering to create an event that we hope will become a fall tradition. The response speaks to great civic generosity...and the desire for a guys' night out.

The Friends of Schiller Park submitted its 2014 budget to the German Village Society, including the parts and pieces for the Arboretum Fund, the Grace Highfield Garden, the Welcome Gardens, Bench Fund, Camaraderie Committee, and Schiller Enhancements. Thanks to the Jefferson Center's accountant for her in-kind support without which the assignment would never have been completed.

Lots of preparation for the GVS Annual Meeting. The bullet points and photos allotted on the GVS signage have been submitted, a "how to get involved" flyer is in the works, stamp and stamp pad ordered, and photo scheduled for best possible participation. Carol Mullinax is going to create a slide show from all of the photos submitted to be shown on a lap top at the annual meeting.

Connie Swain, Ann Lilly, and I keep lobbying for a place for the Schiller statue on the City's maintenance schedule for public art. There was an encouraging message from Councilman Klein's office this week, but nothing on paper yet.

The snails' pace projects of a sign for the Schiller Monument and a repair strategy for the stone at the Umbrella Girl have both been moved forward in the last month. Ready, steady, escargot...as they say.

From: Jordanne Renner [<mailto:jordannerenner@mac.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 2:50 PM

To: William Curlis

Subject: Re: Happy New Year

Hey Bill!

Happy New Year!

GO Green is making moves- new partnership with Ohio EPA to audit the Meeting Haus and Visitor Center, as well as using GVS fundraising as a pilot program for "zero waste"... We are also up on the bill for Columbus SOUP (and would love for everyone to attend the affair, which cost \$7 for dinner and a vote- here is the info:

- Invite everyone you know! Your friends, family, and community partners who attend SOUP to support you will help you win the vote while helping to increase the overall grant award \$\$\$. Send them this link for event info, RSVP, and for ticket pre-purchase options: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/winter-soup-event-tickets-9502517285>

Um... Aside from Ohio EPA partnership and the efforts to receive grant funding for xyz-- GO Green would like to revitalize the German Village Farmers Market, by allowing our community group garden and other community group gardens, the ability to sell fresh, organic, local fair twice a month-- details are still in the works (baby steps) but it seems like an exciting time for us and GVS as a result! YEOW!

Not sure if this is viable info that you'd like to share with everyone, but there it is if so.

Cheers,
Jordanne

www.JordanneRenner.com

I am so pleased to welcome two new members to the team this month. Sarah Marsom starts January 13 as our Historic Preservation Advocate; and Mark Weiss started January 6 as Assistant for Visitorism. Thank you, again, to Chris Hune, Tim Bibler and Ned Thiell for their help vetting our HP candidates.

Jody Graichen will be in town January 13-15 to orient and train Sarah and to introduce her to many of the key preservation players in German Village. As a result, Sarah will not be able to participate in our first board meeting, as she will be having dinner with Commissioners Jay Panzer, Lisa Case and Ned Thiell that evening.

Ned and I also had lunch with City of Columbus HPO Randy Black and HPO Asst. Cristin Moody before Christmas to let them know we had hired Sarah and to begin to lay the groundwork for partnering our new HP position with the work the city does for German Village Commission. HPO will play a key role in orienting Sarah to Columbus' historic districts and I thank Randy and Cristin for their enthusiasm to participate.

Perhaps you'd like to know who's on the team and who's in charge of what. Also, keep in mind that while we've added two bodies, we've only added 20 hours of work to staffing.

Russ Arledge's title has changed for the new year to better reflect his job description - he is now Curator of Archives and Facilities. Russ leads our digitization project, our effort to make searchable on the internet nearly every archive object, historical document, photo/poster/artwork, and house file that German Village Society has collected over 54 years (happy birthday to us, we turn 54 this month!). The software used for this project, Past Perfect, was purchased through Tea 43206 funds, in mid-2012. Russ has a team of volunteers and a new OSU Digital History intern helping to capture the stacks and reams and cupboards of collections. Russ is applying his three decades in collections management for the Ohio Historical Society and Columbus' former air museum.

Russ is also in charge of day-to-day building scheduling and maintenance and he works closely with our bookkeeper to manage our daily income and expenses.

Sarah will serve as our preservation and education lead with property owners, the German Village Commission and the City of Columbus Historic Preservation Office. Sarah will also apply her education and advocacy expertise to marketing and coordinating our group tours. Sarah starts January 13.

Mark is a contract worker who we are employing to lead social and digital marketing efforts, especially for German Village Business Community. He will also help plan and administrate Art Crawl and Village Lights. Mark will be in charge of Meeting Haus rentals and Visitors Center volunteer coordination, too.

We employ four more people on contract. Jessica Johnson, of Accounting Solutions of Ohio, is our accountant. Tanya Rutner, of Raising Green Productions, leads our development effort. Matt Shad, of Genesis Consulting, is leading the project to create an American Planning Association continuing-education conference over two days next fall. Jody Graichen continues to serve us as preservation guru, grant writer and as an all-around great resource for institutional memory.

That leaves me. My title changed to Executive Director on January 1, mostly to clear up confusion. Though my title was Director, most folks called me ED anyway. The new title also better fits the growing organization we're becoming. It is my job to coordinate the energy and expertise of all the people above (and they have PLENTY) with the expectations of the Board of Trustees and in keeping with the amazing efforts of our committees. I also get to interact with our volunteers, members, donors and sponsors- whose numbers keep growing!

This team is made possible ONLY because of board, member, donor, sponsor, partner or volunteer support.

Jeff Stahler had a very successful exhibit from Dec. 1-20. He sold several pieces of work, and our 20% rental charge on sales totaled almost \$800. The Art Committee has two exhibits contracted for 2014 and two more currently finalizing dates. Please, when you see them, thank those members: Sandy Kight, Ed Elberfeld, Carole Genshaft, and Jeff Stahler.

The Civic Relations committee had been planning a walk-through on Third Street with our contractor, but it was rescheduled to February 6 due to snow.

I am pleased to report that Jim Hopple is helping me to vet our building rental processes to make sure we are properly protecting our nonprofit status as we seek to make full use of our building and in doing so to engage new people who use the building with German Village Society.

A hearty thank you here to Heidi Drake, who has been volunteering in the offices two mornings a week for many months now. Her latest project has been to help me organize my office and the office core, and to prep the work spaces for Mark and Sarah.

Jeff Redfield is our moderator for the board retreat on January 11 at the Harrison House at Holy Family Church on West Broad Street. The objective is to build camaraderie and teamwork for the new year, as well as understand and begin to implement the qualities of high-performing boards.

We have implemented the option to pay memberships of \$250, \$500 or \$1000 on a monthly basis through our website. This is now possible thanks to our subsidized account with 2CheckOut.com, and thank you again to German Villager Tom Dailey – CEO of 2CO – who made this possible.

Happy new year to all, I look forward to a very successful 2014!



January 13, 2014

Monthly Report to the German Village Society Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Russ Arledge, Curator – Archives/Facilities

- ▶ Village Lights was a big hit and nice way to kick-off the holiday season! The streets were full of people (and holiday cheer!) and everyone I talked to thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
- ▶ Jeff Stahler's "Moderately Confused" was very well received... good crowd on opening night and a very pleasant way to end the year!
- ▶ The PastPerfect database project is progressing nicely... Bob Furbee, Agnes Krivicich, and Silvia Rodrigues are doing a marvelous job of scanning the GV property files and are now over 2/3 way through (now in the R's & S's) the initial scanning phase and the next step is processing the scanned documents and photos to be entered into the PastPerfect database.
- ▶ A brief word about GVS Memberships as we wrap up 2013... over the course the year we have had 38 step-down and 49 step-up memberships, and we have picked up over 118 new/gift memberships!
- ▶ Due to the timing and short month of December, the Police Luncheon was postponed until January and will be an evening meeting held on 01/30/14 at 7pm. Minutes of the previous meetings can be found on the <http://www.cyberblockwatch.com> website.

It's been a busy month... all for now.

January 8, 2014

APA Livable Neighborhoods Workshop - Matthew Shad, Coordinator

Key highlights of this project to date:

- Discontinue coordination of event with idUS – *I have spoken to Jamie Greene and the value of the idUS coordination has grown less significant. The collaborative appears not be gaining traction for funding and management. Meanwhile OSU Fisher School of Business appears to be seeking to singlehandedly mastermind something based on their previous “Innovate Columbus” initiative. I would not consider coordination to be paramount any longer.*
- Hotel Contract signed – *On December 11, we concluded negotiations favorably with the Westin Hotel. Keys: NO deposit, minimal guest room commitments, very expandable capacity, low room rentals and very manageable food and beverage minimums. We are significantly better than budget on these key costs.*
- Date finalized but needs readjusting – *On December 17, a “Save the Date” reminder went out to APA members sharing the three state regional conference theme, “Re-imaging Communities”, for October 1-3. This was one week prior to our event (October 7-9) and nearly identical to our proposed brand/theme (RE: Re-build, Re-Use, Re-energize. Building better communities). We anticipated their conference to be 3-4 weeks prior and definitely didn’t anticipate an identical theme. We are currently in contact with the Westin now and will have new dates, as much as one month prior (September) finalized shortly.*
- Completion of Branding – *Reconfigured after APA conflict. After finding that our initial brand was too similar to the regional APA conference, the volunteers reconvened and have proposed a new identity that will coordinate with the 2014 GVS Haus und Garten tour theme. New theme: “Urban. Living. History: Paths to Transformation.”*

Highlights – January tasks

- Collect at least 2-3 databases from likeminded but one-removed organizations – *Preliminary discussions with OSU, APA, ULI. We are going to concentrate more heavily on AIA, and ULI given the potential risks of overlap with APA and look to a strong linkage to the Columbus Design Week Committee.*
- Initial fundraising from professional sponsors – *With holidays passed, this initiative has begun.*
- Completion of the topic tracts – *A meeting is intended for January 31 whereby all proposed tracts will be presented and finalized.*
- Identify and narrow the keynote speakers desired – *Several speakers have been identified and are confirming availability with the new dates. Again keynotes should be ready for approval by January 31.*