

GERMAN VILLAGE SOCIETY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 10, 2013

Present: Tim Bibler, Dennis Brandon, Nick Cavalaris, Darci Congrove, Bill Curlis, Chris Hune, Jeanne Likins, Dennis McCann, Jeff McNealey, and Susan Sutherland

Guests: Shiloh Todorov, Russ Arledge, Greg Gamier, and Gary Seamon

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 outlined her goals for 2013-2014 for the Board of trustees board meetings by discussing the "passion" that each member of the Board and of the Society have for our community and its success. She noted her efforts at our Board meeting to: 1. ask that each Board member back-up their passion for German Village with our Board service; 2. hold each of us accountable to each other; 3. meet with each Board member, staff person, and volunteer to identify their passion for our Society; and 4. to focus on the future and not the past and to deal with substantive issues during each session of the Board.

President Likins updated the Board on a number of items:

The Organizational Development Committee will be presenting a Board of Trustees 'menu of support' and Commitment to Serve at the December meeting. This document is intended to provide each Board member with a list of all of the ways they can assist the Society and enhance their Board service.

The Conflict of Interest policy and Commitment to Serve will be presented at the December Board meeting for discussion.

The Organization Development Committee has two people choose not to be reappointed: Greg Gamier and Tracy Stamm as non-board member representatives. President Likins has appointed Terri Dickey and Lynn Elliott as the new members of the ODC committee.

In anticipation of the Board engaging in strategic planning, Ms. Likins appointed German Village resident Amanda Smolinec to chair an ad hoc Strategic Planning committee. Volunteers to serve with Ms. Smolinec are being gathered and will be announced at a future meeting.

President Likins indicated that one of her goals is to strengthen the relationship that Board members have with each other inasmuch as the Board meets only monthly. She indicated that she would begin Board meetings with a question and ask each Board member In a 'round robin' format will be called up

to give their personal perspective to the question. This evening's question to the Board: When and why did you move to German Village?

The Board enthusiastically engaged in the 'Round Robin.

Returning to the Board meeting agenda, Secretary Bill Curlis presented the Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2013.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2013. [Curlis, McNealey]
Motion approved.

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

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

Mr. Bibler further reported that the Finance Committee had met and had reviewed and approved the Executive Director's 2014 Budget and that it would be discussed later in the agenda.

President Likins reported that, in future, the written committee reports would be presented to the Board in the Board Packet prior to the Board meeting. In order to expedite the meetings, Board members were asked to read the reports before the meeting and to ask questions or note special activities at that time. Oral reports would continue to be presented by committee chairs if a written report was not presented.

Committee Reports

Greg Gamier of the German Village Business Committee reported that he was stepping down as Chair of that Committee and that Marie Trudeau was taking the Chair. Mr. Gamier also reported that GVBC was meeting the next day (Tuesday) and was formally reorganizing their structure to accommodate the way the committee had actually been operating for some time. Ms. Trudeau would report at the next Board meeting on that structure and organization. Ms. Likins thanked Greg for his service and for the strong role GVBC plays in our community and in the Society.

Historic Preservation Chair Chris Hune reported that she was presenting the G. V. S. Historic Preservation Values Statement to the German Village Commission this month. Ms. Hune also noted that the Historic Preservation Committee was working on many additional projects including Signage and the Visitor Center vision and that she would keep the Board apprised as more detail became available.

In the absence of ODC chair Bill Case, Bill Curlis reminded the Board that there was a vacancy on the Board of Trustees as a result of the resignation of Mike Cornelis. The ODC committee had met and had nominated:

Brittany Gibson

to serve as Trustee for the unexpired term.

President Likins asked for other nominations, from the floor.

MOTION: Moved that the nominations be closed and that Brittany Gibson be elected member of the Board of Trustees for the unexpired term ending on September 30, 2016. [Curlis, Congrove]
Motion approved.

Long Range Planning Board Liaison Bill Curlis reported that the German Village Southside STAY committee had been awarded a monetary gift by the Parsons Avenue Business Association for Outstanding Service. Inasmuch as the Southside STAY committee had never received nor spent any money, it was necessary for the Board to create budget line-item so that the committee could accept the funds and expend funds in the future. Discussion ensued regarding the language of the motion and President Likins asked that Board Attorney Jeff McNealey draft language that we could vote on later in the meeting.

Staff Reports

Executive Director Shiloh Todorov noted that increased time demands on her schedule meant that she was going to have to more selectively attend committee meetings. She hopes that committee chairs and liaisons will keep her fully advised of all committee activities and that they seek her attendance when useful and needed.

Ms. Todorov also reported that now was clearly not the time to continue looking for funding for an endowment for Historic Preservation. Funding today is available to hire an Historic Preservation Advocate that is sustainable for at least three years and that every effort will be made to make that position a permanent part of the annual budget.

Ms. Todorov noted that she was currently looking to fill both the Historic Preservation Advocate position and the staff support position.

Ms. Todorov indicated that she and President Likins were meeting with and each member of the Board to discuss each Board member's attainable goals for their Board service.

Ms. Likins returned to the LRP committee report and motion.

MOTION: WHEREAS, the German Village Society finds that the mission and goals of Southside SOUTHSIDE STAY are aligned with the overall goals of the Society to build our community through strengthening educational opportunities for children in our Village;
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board finds it to be in the best interest of German Village members and residents that the German Village Society receive for the benefit of programs overseen and led by Southside STAY, funds in support of the 501(c)(3) purposes of the society; and that, the Treasurer be authorized to accept those funds into budget line-items designated for the use of Southside STAY. [McNealey, Curlis]
Motion approved.

Ms. Todorov presented the draft budget for 2014 and explained its goals. She indicated that it was a very conservative income budget despite the optimism of the successes of 2013 and that she was very mindful of the 2013 expenditures for 2014, including the fact that 2014 is a "Directory" publication year. The budget anticipates a surplus that is committed to the Historic Preservation Advocate position. Board members engaged in extensive discussion regarding the budget and sustainability. As required by the Constitution the Board will formally consider the adoption of the balanced budget at the December meeting.

President Likins introduced a new item to conclude each meeting to be called Pluses and Deltas. The purpose is to ask each member of the Board to identify a 'Plus' (something positive) that had occurred during the past month that warranted recognition and celebration and a 'Delta' (something not so positive) that may have occurred. And the Board reported its Pluses and Deltae.

The business of the November meeting of the German Village Society Board of Trustees having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William L. Curlis, Secretary

Attest:

Jeanne Likins, President

GVS Finance Committee Report

November 9, 2013

Attending the Meeting - Jeff McNealey, Jim Nichols, Larry Anderson, Nick Cavalaris, Shiloh Todorov, Jeanne Likins, Jim Giboney and Lisa Lynch and Tim Bibler

Huntington Investment Report

Representatives Jim Giboney and Lisa Lynch from the Huntington submitted a written investment review regarding the three investment accounts that they manage for the Society. They reviewed the report with the committee and answered questions. The earning returns exceed the goal/benchmark that was set for each of the funds. The total Gross of Fees return was from 10.83 to 13.36 percent. Future returns will be expressed in Net of Fees. Net of Fees will better reflect the earnings for each fund.

The Committee decided to review the types of investment for each fund at least once a year.

The next Finance Committee meeting is January 25, 2013. The meeting date was move back a week to allow the committee members an opportunity to review the Huntington Report prior to the meeting. Other meeting dates are April 26 and July 26.

American Planning Association – German Village Society Neighborhood Symposium Budget

Matt Shad presented the budget for the American Planning Association – German Village Society Neighborhood Symposium event that is scheduled for October 2014. Committee members asked questions and discussed the proposed budget.

German Village Society Budgets

Shiloh Todorov presented the German Village Society's budgets for 2014. Conservative budgets were created to ensure that the Society would have the income available to meet proposed expenses. Committee members asked questions and discussed the proposed budgets.

There will be continued discussion regarding the rainy day fund. With the current financial checks and balances and the improved budgeting procedures, the questions is what amount should be available in the rainy day fund.

Auditor

Plans were developed to hire an auditor. Larry Anderson will write a proposal and submit the proposal to several recommend auditors. Those auditors who respond to the proposal will be interviewed December 7, 2013. The members of the sub-committee to perform the interview will be Jeff McNealy, Jim Nichols and Tim Bibler along with input from Larry Anderson.

A full audit will be performed for fiscal year 2013.

Audit

The committee reviewed and discussed the best kind of audit to be performed for the German Village Society. Major points to consider are: cost, current checks and balances and grant/funding requirements. This discussion will continue at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Fund Raising Processing

The committee discussed improving and clarifying the expectations by those responsible for processing income and expenses that are related to fund raising events/activities. Shiloh will develop and implement the changes with input from Larry Anderson and Jim Nichols.

The next Finance Committee meeting is January 25, 2013

Committee: Civic Relations	Board Chair/Rep: Nelson Genshaft	Meeting Date: N/A
Number of Attendees:	New Members?:	
Executive Summary:		
<p>Civic Relations did not meet in October 2013, but there was a special meeting on 10/29/13 that included Shiloh, Bill Case, Tim Bibler, Rob Hilbert, Carolyn McCall and me to focus on the implications of the award of the engineering survey project to OHM. Rob Hilbert raised concerns about OHM's design capabilities, since the firm is primarily known as one specializing in civil engineering and landscape design. The group decided to reach out to Nick Popa, the City's liaison with OHM and see if we could arrange a walk-through in GV. I believe that walk-through will be set for 11/21. Shiloh and I have talked about having a Civic Relations Committee meeting following that walk-through, probably during the first week of December.</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Request for staff time or Volunteers?➤➤ Financial Resources?➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included		
Next Steps:		

Report to BOT in writing for its December 2013 meeting.

Committee: Development	Board Chair/Rep: Brandon	Meeting Date: October 31 Meeting cancelled
Number of Attendees:NA		New Members:0
Executive Summary:		
<p>1. Meeting was canceled due to beggar's night and need to spend time with individual members. November and December meetings will also be more individual member focused unless an issue arises.</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights		
<p>➤ The Director and I are concentrating on assisting committee members including members who are also Board members in drafting individual fundraising and other development related personal plans to ensure we have a balanced approach to the various opportunities.</p> <p>➤ Financial Resources? None.</p> <p>➤ Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included.</p>		
Next Steps:		
<p>Complete all committee members plans and begin concerted outreach.</p>		

Seek several (2-3) additional committee members interested in fund raising.

Committee:	Board Chair/Rep:	Meeting Date:
MEMBERSHIP	Susan Sutherland	10/15/13
Number of Attendees:		New Members?:
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Executive Summary:		
<p>Committee reviewed criteria for Annual Mtg & the booth. Elberfeld Letter to be replaced by letter from George Lekorenos for membership. Prost Event will be postponed until Spring 2014. Door Hanger Proposal placed on back burner. Membership Appreciation Event: 11/19 Clayspace. Need Committee Volunteers. Long Range Planning Committee 11/14/ mtg. Pam & Susan S to attend. Directory: Key & Critical. Discuss needs at Nov meeting and volunteers</p>		
Meeting Objectives/Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for staff time or Volunteers? For Membership Appreciation Event • Financial Resources? Will cost out Directory in future months • Issues or concerns that require consideration by the Board or staff for possible response or action with timeline included: Directory costs. • 		
Next Steps:		
<p>Nov-Dec-Jan the focus is on the new Directory.</p>		

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

October 22, 2013

Present: Bill Case (chair), Bill Curlis, Tim Bibler, Pam Bergeron, General Director Shiloh Todorov

Open Board Seat: It was the consensus of the committee that Brittany Gibson be approached to fill the opening on the board caused by the departure of Mike Cornelis. Ms. Gibson did a tremendous job in organizing Monsterbash - the financial return of which exceeded expectations. She has also volunteered in the Visitors Center. Our recommendation will be transmitted to the President.

Vacancies on the Committee: It is the expectation that Terri Dickey will be appointed, but she probably will not be able to begin service on the committee until the new year. That leaves one other vacancy to be filled.

“Menu of Trustee Commitments”: We were requested to consider a menu of items which would serve as the basis for each trustee’s individual commitment to the Society. After discussion, it was the consensus that this was too large a task to accomplish in this meeting. Mr. Curlis volunteered to make a first draft of such a document. Ms. Todorov indicated that she agreed with this analysis.

Review of Bylaws and Constitution: There was discussion regarding whether the qualifications for the “non-voting” trustee position contained in Article IV, section 1 of the Constitution should be changed. It was the consensus of the group that it would be advisable to delete the requirement that the position be filled by someone who has lived within the Village’s boundaries for 10 years. The thought was that there may be younger members who would be well-suited to be appointed to this position in the future who should be eligible for the appointment. We realize that constitutional changes are difficult and the feasibility thereof at this time is for the board to determine.

The members discussed the advisability of creating a separate “Development Board” which would have responsibility for advising and assisting the Board of Trustees and the General Director regarding fundraising. This committee agrees that this would be beneficial to the Society. We would recommend that it be created as a committee (notwithstanding its designation as a “Board”) with appointments thereto done on the same basis as any other committee.

Annual Calendar: We have no specific revisions to recommend regarding the calendar. There was some discussion as to whether the bylaws are specific enough on the issue of when elected trustees’ terms start. It was the consensus that the current provision that such terms begin during the October board meeting is sufficient.

Next meeting: November 20th was discussed for the date. Subsequent to the meeting Ms. Bergeron indicated that she could not make this meeting and it will be rescheduled.

Parks, Public Spaces & Community Events Committee
Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Meeting

Ann Lilly called the meeting to order at 9:25 am. Ann presided in place of Chairwoman Sara McNealey who was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was held in the Caretaker's Cottage in Schiller Park, home of Actors' Theatre.

Members Present: Craig Seeds, Linda Friedman, Katharine Moore, Jerry Glick, Ann Lilly, Connie Swain, Carol Mullinax, Luna Alsharaiha, Frank Wickham, Lindy Michael.

The minutes of the September 2013 meeting were approved.

Ann thanked everyone one in attendance for taking part in the photo session immediately preceding the meeting. The photo will be used as part of a PPSCE display at the upcoming German Village Society Annual Meeting. Katharine Moore explained that the signs provided by the Society were limited to bullet points and, even with two allotted signs, accomplishments will not be highlighted in much detail. Members were encouraged to make use of Table 2, provided as a part of the set up, to expand on the work of their committees and groups.

Actors' Theatre

Carol Mullinax thanked Sara for spearheading the landscaping of the Caretaker's Cottage in Schiller Park, which serves as the home for Actors' Theatre. The funding for this project was provided through a grant from the Little Garden Club of Columbus, but Sara oversaw the landscaping plan, the selection of the plants, and the irrigation system. She also thanked Peter Poll of Poll Landscaping who provided his expertise and assistance in the completion of this project. Carol also reported that the 2013 Actors' Theatre season has closed and that plans are underway for the 2014 season.

Garten Club

Jerry Glick reported that the annual Fall Mum Sale, which is a fundraiser for the group, was a big success and pointed to the door-to-door distribution of flyers for the sale for bringing in more than twice as many orders as last year. Upcoming events included the Heinlein Reception, the Frank Fetch Clean-Up. Plus, the Holiday Greens Sale will start in November. 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. Jerry reminded Craig that he is still hoping to get the mantles replaced in the gaslights in the park.

St. Mary Church and School

Luna reported that the school has 230 students enrolled this year, which is the same as last year. The school's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, with 8th graders doing a very professional job as the wait staff, was successful. The preschoolers and first graders will be presenting a holiday program on December 6, followed by a Chili Dinner. The theme this year revolves around community and collaboration, with a focus on teaching students about the community and there have been a number of offers of

assistance. There is a community e-news distribution that Luna will make available to interested committee members.

Frank Wickham reported that Father Kevin Lutz, the new parish priest, is settling in his new position and is offering Latin Mass on a regular schedule. For the annual Village Lights event, the church is working with the Maennerchor and will have bell ringers performing at 4 pm that day. The Annual Christmas Tree sale will start the Friday after Thanksgiving. The church has started making plans for its sesquicentennial celebration in 2015.

The Friends of Schiller Park

Katharine Moore reported that she, Connie, and Ann Lilly continue to lobby for City funds to repair the Schiller statue. Work is still underway for a sign describing the monument and its history. She also submitted a written report, which is attached.

Highfield Garden: Ann Lilly reported that the garden is doing well and that discussions concerning replacing the crumbling stone around the Umbrella Girl Fountain continue.

Arboretum Fund: Lindy Michael said that the watering of the trees in Schiller Park is almost completed for the year and that a review of the park is in the works to identify locations for new trees.

The Farm

Connie Swain reported that clean up is underway although some tomatoes are still coming in.

Huntington Garden

Linda Friedman encouraged the committee to stop by Schiller Park to take a look at Huntington Garden. The mums are especially beautiful this year. She also provided a health update on Bert Stevens, who had been recently hospitalized. Linda shared the compliments she has heard on the Schiller garden throughout the season.

Fun Committee

No report.

Recreation and Parks Department

Craig Seeds gave the committee a general overview of pending parks and recreation projects.

Old Business

Ann advised the group that the Memoranda of Understanding for the various PPSCE-related groups have been signed by Alan McKnight and copies provided to PPSCE for record keeping. The committee thanked Ann and the No Name Team for their work on this project. Craig reported that a sign has been posted in Schiller Park advising dog owners of their responsibility to control their dogs. A no-smoking sign also has been posted. Smoking is not permitted in areas with a heavy concentration of people.

New Business

None.

Hearing no other business, Ann adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9 am on November 7.

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.

German Village Society
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2013

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank Accounts - Operations	33.55
Operations Chase Checking - 6039	101,177.79
Operations Chase Contingency - 4693	88,052.46
Operations Fifth Third Checking - 5113	0.00
Total Bank Accounts - Operations	\$ 189,263.80
Board Designated Bank Accounts	
Board Designated Checking - 1362	0.00
Bicentennial Fund	6,513.52
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	41,128.63
Highfield Garden	588.57
Historic Preservation Expert Restriction	6,977.01
Huntington Garden/Maintenance	7,117.00
Schiller Friends of Schiller Fund	6,014.26
Schiller Park Enhancements	670.00
Schiller Park/Arboretum Fund	2,191.27
Schiller Park/Bench/Trash Can Fund	1,491.70
Schiller Trash Can Fund	0.00
Village Connections	0.00
Village Singers	1,663.32
Total Board Designated Checking - 1362	\$ 121,209.99
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	\$ 467,581.58
Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	
Frank Fetch Endowment	0.00
Fund at Columbus Foundation	753.93
Huntington Garden Endowment	173,213.49
Total Permanently Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ 173,967.42
Petty Cash	700.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 831,512.80
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable-General	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 0.00
Other current assets	
Designated Funds GVS Receivable	0.00

Inventory	1,000.00
prepaid Expenses	1,300.00
Undeposited Funds	3,458.11
Total Other current assets	\$ 5,758.11
Total Current Assets	\$ 837,270.91
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 #####

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable 0.00

Total Accounts Payable \$ 0.00

Other Current Liabilities

Deferred Revenue 1,000.00

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 0.00

Prepaid GVS Advertising Fees 0.00

Prepaid GVS Membership Dues 0.00

Sales tax payable 0.00

Total Other Current Liabilities \$ 1,549.01

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Equity

Designated Earnings

Non Restricted 0.00

Restricted 0.00

Total Designated Earnings \$ 0.00

Retained Earnings 1,078,517.62

Net Income 145,584.41

Total Equity

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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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Friday, Nov 08, 2013 01:59:02 PM PST GMT-5 - Cash Basis

We are hiring! Our Historic Preservation Advocate and Assistant for Visitorism postings went up on appropriate job sites on Oct. 31 and we are getting good candidates interested in both positions. I also took a number of congratulatory emails and conversations from Villagers happy to have us going back in this direction, so my hearty and sincere thanks to the Board for helping put us in this position.

However, as I said in my column, this is only budgeted at three years of sustainability and only in a part-time, contractual role. We aren't done seeking support yet. We need YOUR help, and this is in part the conversations President Jeanne Likins and I are having with each of you one-on-one.

The City of Columbus has been all over my calendar in the past six weeks. Trustee Bill Case and I met with Development Director Steven Schoeny and his deputy, Vince Papsidero. I had lunch with HPO Randy Black. Both of these conversations helped us to frame the current outlook of GVS and our role with GVC, and to help these city leaders understand the interplay. Not only that, but it was a chance to again express that preservation works, and that our role in keeping this city hip and attractive to the people companies want to attract is the result of GVS and GVC's work together.

Trustee Bibler and I met twice with Mobility Options, continuing to find our role in working out parking solutions for German Village. We are pleased to have been offered (and accepted) the opportunity to work with a city planning class at OSU to be their spring project. They will help us survey several aspects of transportation and parking in the area.

I also met with Experience Columbus, establishing some partnership and interaction with it for the upcoming year. They offered feedback on our group tours and suggested we attend a March bus operator fair in Toledo. I've committed us to that outreach. We will again be part of the co-op, which allows us more access to tour operators, and more prominent features in Experience Columbus-created materials. It costs us \$1,000/year. 2013 was our first year in the co-op.

Tanya Rutner and I have had a half dozen meetings with potential 2014 sponsors, and I leave each a little more excited about not only our prospects for partnership, but our position in this city. Each company that takes the time to meet with us has been extremely supporting of the need for German Village in Columbus, and their desire to support our work and to be in front of our audiences. They get our unique role in Central Ohio and they are anxious to partner. I was nervous about learning the fundraising ropes, but it has quickly become one of the most rewarding parts of my job because people are just as enthusiastic as we about this neighborhood.

The Arts Committee is reaching out to potential exhibitors for 2014. We plan to finalize the calendar this month for 3-5 exhibits next year.

You read about Monster Bash's tremendous success - making nearly \$13,000 on an estimated budget just barely over \$8,000. The work of the committee was coordinated, fun and successful and it was my pleasure to be on their team.

A group of 10 people from a cross-section of the community conducted a visioning session this month for the Visitors Center. We are currently aiming to define what the look and feel of the remodel should

be, how to balance storytelling with wayfinding, and how to keep the project within a \$50,000-\$75,000 range for updates. I anticipate a first round of drawings even before our November board meeting from Continental Office.

We have Tour and PreTour chairs for 2014! I am so excited to work with Dan Kline and Marie Logothetis as Tour chairs. Their own stylish homes, their passion not only for German Village but for the event itself will make this a great event once again. On the PreTour side, Michele McFadden will join us for year No. 2, and PreTour 2013 host Ronni VanLigten will also co-chair.

We had a good annual meeting and an amazing annual report, created by Emmy Mitchell and Jeanne Tranter, with help from John Pribble, John Clark, Jennifer Heitmeyer, Sarah Cohen, Beth Ervin and staff writers. These are just more examples of the ways people in this neighborhood bring their talents to the table to help us excel.

Our second ghost tour outing in partnership with Columbus Landmarks Foundation was a huge success. We sold 94 tickets for an income (split with CLF) of \$1,510. It was a beautiful night for folks to walk the neighborhood and hear tales from our volunteer docents Sally Crandall (who also wrote all of the stories), Marceline Dyer and Jim Flanagan.

Russ Arledge and I accompanied 10 Visitors Center volunteers on an appreciation field trip to the Main Library and Motts Military Museum on Oct. 29.

German Village Society
2013 GVS Budget Variance by Class
 January - December 2013

	<u>Monster Bash</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Admission/Event Income	14,039.44	10,000.00
Advertising Income		
Contributions		
Grants		
In-Kind Donations		
Interest Income		
Membership Dues - GVS		
Membership Dues - GVBC		
Merchandise Income		
Miscellaneous Income		
Rental Income		
Sponsorship	1,500.00	1,000.00
Tour Income		
Transfers In		
Total Income	\$ 15,539.44	\$ 11,000.00
Gross Profit	\$ 15,539.44	\$ 11,000.00
Expenses		
<u>Accounting Expense</u>		
Advertising	355.00	250.00
614 Ad	200.00	
Columbus Underground Ad	155.00	
<u>Audit Fees</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	869.78	350.00
Computer Related Costs		
<u>Consulting Fees</u>		
Equipment Rental	95.00	
Bar Millinery	95.00	
<u>Food/Beverages</u>	346.50	900.00
Liquor	100.05	
Mixers	61.95	
Night-of Alcohol run	184.50	
<u>Gifts & Awards</u>		
In-Kind Expense		
License/Fees/Permits	150.00	200.00
Meeting Haus Cleaning		
Meeting Haus Groundskeeping		
<u>Miscellaneous Expense</u>	360.00	250.00
DJ Flair Entertainment	360.00	
<u>Payroll Processing</u>		
Payroll Taxes		
Postage	170.00	175.00
Printing/Signage	32.31	250.00
Property & D/O Insurance	525.00	
Repairs & Maintenance		
Salaries/Wages		
Security	336.00	320.00
Storage		
Supplies	168.61	200.00
Transportation/Towing		
Utilities		
Total Expenses	\$ 3,408.20	\$ 2,895.00
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,131.24	\$ 8,105.00
Other Income		
Contributions - Other		
Total Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other Expenses		
Deferred Gain/Loss Investments		
Real Estate Tax		
Transfers out		
Total Other Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net Other Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Net Income	\$ 12,131.24	\$ 8,105.00

GV Insurance, E.B. Hair, GV Chiro

pizza, firewood, misc table cloths

Admissions Tracking

<u>Ticket Type</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u># Sold</u>	<u>Total</u>
Volunteer	\$25.00	21	\$525.00
Member	\$55.00	81	\$4,455.00
Non-Member	\$65.00	104	\$6,760.00
VIP	\$85.00	4	\$340.00

Online Ticket Admissions Income \$11,689.18 Final reported income (not sum of above)

Misc. Admissions

GVS Package Deal Purchases	\$770.00
Night-of Cash sales	\$530.00
Night-of Credit Sales	\$1,050.26

Misc. Admissions Income \$2,350.26

Total Admissions Income \$14,039.44



November 11, 2013

Monthly Report to the German Village Society Board of Trustees

Submitted by: Russ Arledge, Program and Operations Manager

► On October 3rd I was privileged to be able to travel to Oxford, Ohio to attend the first of a new series of workshops put on by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office entitled “How to conduct a Community Historic Survey”. While the OHPO was obviously targeting the workshop for “first-timers”, I was able to pose the question that hadn’t been asked before... What do you do when your community survey is outdated? Since German Village is the oldest historic district in Columbus (and the mid-west!) and we have already had two previous surveys, the first conducted by the City of Columbus/German Village Commission in 1984, and the second one conducted by OSU Architectural students from 1991-94, I discovered a big problem recently when my volunteers started scanning the GVS Property Files... what do you do after 20+ years of new-builds, lot-splits, combined-lots, curb-cuts, and additions? You conduct another survey! I am in the process of gathering information on what it would take to conduct another survey, who would do it, and how much it would cost. I hope to be able to report back on the details in the next couple of months.

► On October 5th I was able to attend the annual conference of the Ohio Local History Alliance and sit in on workshops on *Storytelling in Exhibits*, *Training and Managing Volunteers*, *Governing Policies and Documents*, and *Renting your historic facility to generate revenue*.

► The Stan Sperlak Pastel Art Workshop was a big hit! The 3 ½ day workshop (Oct 11-14) hosted 20 pastel artists from across the mid-west who spent the first day working in the fest hall, the second day outdoors at Schiller park, the third day outdoors at the Grange Audubon Center/Park, and wrapped up the workshop in the fest hall on the last day, and of course... they all loved German Village!

► On October 15th and 22nd, I played host and Scavenger Hunt tour-guide to two of the largest school classes we’ve seen all year, each day the combined total was almost 90 students/teachers/parents in each group!

► 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 1/2 way through the initial scanning phase and the next step is processing the scanned documents and photos to be entered into the PastPerfect database.

► To wrap up the month, I was able to tag-along with the GVS Visitor Center Volunteers on their Appreciation Trip and it was a great time for all. We started out at the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch with the tour ending in the Local History room on the 3rd floor... the very room that contains the Polk Directories and the Sanborn Insurance Maps that we refer visitors to when they are looking for more history about their home or family.

After lunch as we were driving towards Motts Military museum I took the liberty of acting as an impromptu tour guide and pointing out as we were traveling south on Gender Road and crossing Refugee Road that it was the actually the southern border of the Northwest Ordinance's 1798 Refugee Tract which was a 60,000 acre rectangle of land which extended 42 miles east starting at the Scioto River, 5th Avenue being the northern border and Refugee Road being the southern border. As we turned the corner off of Gender Road onto Groveport Road I pointed out on the north side of the road was what remained of the old Ohio and Erie Canal... the very canal which some of the first German immigrant settlers traveled to Columbus on, and that Groveport Road was actually the original tow-path for the canal. It was fun to point out little bits of history that have been lost over the generations...

► The Police Luncheon was held on October 31st and was well attended. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the cyberblockwatch.com website. The lunch for the officers this month was provided by the Kolache Republic.

► The cyberblockwatch.com website now has 1241 registered users. This is a collaborative effort between the German Village Society, Schumacher Place, and the citizens of both neighborhoods.

► Also this month... once again GVS, as an official computer recycling drop-off center for the Community Computer Alliance, we have had collected numerous computers, monitors, laptops, printers, cell phones, and fax machines... at last count over 17 van loads of computer equipment have been picked-up at the Meeting Haus... Thanks to all who have contributed!

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