

## BHF BOARD MEETING

Monday, 2/28/2022,

Zoom Meeting, 7:00 PM

7:05 John Haer welcomed Board Members and guests.

Attendees: Suzanne Donsky, John Haer, Perry Recker, Maura Bainbridge, Rosemary Trump, Pauline Greenlick, Jaqui Cavalier, Joseph Hornack, Mike Stout, Charles McCollester, Kallie Sheets, Brittany Sheets.

Absent: Howard S., Mark F., Constance P.

Excused: Lawrence M.

Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes of 12/15/2021 was approved on motion by Suzanne D, with second by Jacqui C.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report by Rosemary T. was approved on motion by Brittany S., seconded by Maura B.

Rosemary reviewed the 2021 Year End Report.

John H. delivered the Executive Report.

He reviewed Board Member Committee Responsibilities: It is the decision-making body, though all members may contribute opinions. With authority between meetings to spend up to \$500. If members cannot attend, notify J.H. or Secretary in advance. Board members should volunteer and serve on at least one other committee: program, communications, Membership (help and input needed for database and communication. Archives (active, working with interns and consultants). He also reported that the establishment of a new committee for Development and Fund Raising was in process, but had been slowed down by Covid restrictions. One of its major goals will be to develop a strategy and path for the organization path to hire a paid director and staff.

John also discussed the past year and reviewed the budget for 2022.

He announced the intent to propose the establishment of a Betty Davis Fund and Committee primarily for the purpose of establishing a scholarship fund in her name. Connie P. has contacts for development and is willing to chair the committee.

John, with comments from other reported on some of the ongoing discussion of whether we should continue to hold most meetings virtually and when and which meetings might be best to return to meeting in person, most specifically the Breakfast meetings. There was a general consensus of satisfaction with continuing to hold most meetings virtually.

John reviewed the procedures for electing Officer vacancies of VP and Secretary on the Board which will occur later.

He also reported on activities to eventually acquire the Munhall Borough Building once it moves into its new one. Mark F. was on Borough Council, but he had to resign; but we have met with Mayor and have made 2 presentations. There seems to be no opposition at this time for its conversion to a Labor History Museum, but a successful conversion and transfer process may depend heavily on expanding a shared vision for Labor Tourism in the future. The ad hoc committee is working on a general resolution for B. Council to pass – for investigation of possibilities and forming a joint committee.

There was no Communications Committee Report available to present.

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Suzanne D. reviewed the written Program Committee Report. She asked for suggestions for how and where to set up in person meetings safely. Several people had stated that meeting room at EatnPark felt too small and poorly ventilated to be safe. She reviewed a few of the planned programs for 2022, and Charlie spoke about the new program with Kipp Dawson on the murder of her grandfather in 1922. His hope is that it will be further organized and developed with help from Lou Martin and possibly with Milli Beik on the clan history of KKK activity in PA as a prelude. The date is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jacqui C. and Perry R. reported on activity of the Archives Committee and Staff. Report...Jacqui referred people to the written end of year report for 2021 for basic information on status of the projet. New to the committee are Joseph H. and Connie Portis. Currently in process are changes to Cassidee role and description for the hiring of a new intern for digitization. Mike asked about digitalized versions of Rank and File. Someone put a cover of it on Face Book which raised lots of interest. Could be used to raise \$ -- as could also his music. Later it was agreed that Kallie will reach out to Cassidee to make arrangements for Miike to visit the Gaurdian storage room to review the files. Jacqui and Perry will be kept appraised via email cc's.

Old Business/New Business: On motion by Perry R., second: Jacqui C. approval was given to establish the BHF Betty Davis Fund and Committee. For a scholarship fund. John H. address a question by Joseph H. about other fund raising under her name, answering that there were probably other funds being raised for needy members of her extended family, but that our's would be unique and specifically for a scholarship fund in her name.

There will be a Memorial Service for Betty D. on March 28<sup>th</sup> 11 AM at Connie Portis' church, Park Place AME, on E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Pauline Greenlick was nominated by Rosemary T. to fill the position of Board Vice-President, and she accepted. No other nominations being brought forward, the nominations for that position were closed. Perry Recker was nominated by Jacqui C. for the position of Board Secretary, and he accepted. No other nominations being brought forward for that position the process was closed. John H. declared that both were elected.

The BHF Budget for 2022 was approved unanimously on motion by Charles M., seconded by Mike S.

Under New Business: Jacqui C. asked if Jim Young or anyone asked for donation in support of Labor History Conference in June. Nothing formal was received. A program ad is an option, Howard is probably designing it. Jacqui reported that a Full page ad will be \$1000, Half \$500, Quarter \$250. This will be for the LH Conference on June 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg (?). The Executive Committee will investigate the timeline and approve the ad – probably for a quarter page – to be paid for out of the \$1,000 line item for other Marketing expenses.

John reviewed the Board Meeting Schedule for the rest of the year: 2nd Q: 05/09/22; 3rd Q: 08/08/22; 4th Q: 11/21/22. No conflicts or objections were raised.

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Under announcements: Rosemary reminded everyone that the program on the making of 9to5 with Reichert and Bogner is coming up on March 24. John mentioned that a neighbor friend, Bob Glidden who was visiting Hamilton, Ontario, discovered a Workers Arts and Heritage Center there that we would probably want to visit and possibly form a collaborative relationship with in the future (see <https://wahc-museum.ca/visit-us/> for more information.)

Charlie mentioned visiting churches: St. Benedict the Moor, and Ukrainian Orthodox. Perry agreed that Orthodox Church history plays an important role in the nationalistic tensions between Russia and Ukraine, but mentioned some recent research he had done on Ukrainian politics also led him to believe that the country is largely controlled by oligarch and tycoons who are at odds with those in Russia around Putin.

John H. adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.