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**Cleveland Restoration Society**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes**

Union Club  
Cleveland, Ohio

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

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*All exhibits and attachments referenced herein are on file in the CRS office and are available upon request.*

**Trustees in Attendance**

Renee Beaver	Greg Frost	Rosemary Reymann
Hannah Fritzman Belsito	Dale Hilton	Stephanie Ryberg-Webster
Robert Borsh	Anthony Hiti	Jonathan Sandvick
Steve Coon	Douglas Hoffman	Robert Weeks
Michael Cummins	William Hubbard	Jan Devereaux
Susan Delaney	Dana Noel	Lin Emmons
Thomas Einhouse	J. Gordon Priemer	

- I. Call to Order – Mike Cummins, Chair of the Board
  - a. Michael Cummings requested approval of the minutes of the November 2014 Board meeting. They were unanimously approved by the Board.
  - b. Mike Baruschke and Denise Huck were recognized and thanked for their matching fund challenge to support the annual fund. The Trustees were also thanked for their annual fund contributions. There was a 25% increase in Board contributions.
  - c. The Community Luncheon will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at The 9. Trustee Joe Marinucci will be the featured speaker and will provide a summary of the various development projects in downtown Cleveland.
- II. The staff provided a summary of the accomplishments over the past year. Highlights include:
  - a. Major Projects: Success of the Legacy Cities Symposium; continued success of the Heritage Home Program; undertook the Courtland Blvd. house receivership process and in so doing established a process for other entities to use the same statute to preserve other historic structures; worked with the Thriving Communities Institute under a contract to identify houses with historical and architectural significance that should not be demolished; completed the Feasibility Study for the Use of Historic Tax Credits for Small Deals; another year of financial stability.
  - b. Community Engagement: regular print and email publications, including the Know Our Heritage Program series as well as the development of the Know Our Heritage interactive map app; Slide Digitization and Image Organization Project.

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- c. Major Membership and Community Events: including the 2104 Community Luncheon featuring Sherwin Williams CEO, Christopher Connor; the 2014 Celebration of Preservation Awards; Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities; Annual Benefit 10/11 at The 9.
  - d. Preservation Services: St. Luke's Neighborhood Revitalization for Thriving Communities; Courtland Blvd House; Sacred Landmark Assistance Initiative; advocacy including statement on redesign of Public Square.
  - e. Finance Projects: through the CRS Small Commercial Projects Program delivered a Feasibility Study for the use of historic tax credits for small deals to the City of Cleveland and positioned to do a beta test of the program; developing new and strengthening current relationships; continued success of the Heritage Home Program and the development of the Heritage Home Purchase Program.
- III. Review and Approval of 2015 Budget: Ann Bish presented a summary of the 2015 Budget. A motion to approve the budget was made by Gordon Priemer, seconded by Greg Frost, and unanimously approved by the Board.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Hubbard, Board Secretary.