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Cleveland Restoration Society

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Sarah Benedict House  
Cleveland, OH

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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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**

Chad Arfons	Scott Holbrook	Rosemary Reymann
Hannah Fritzman Belsito	William Hubbard	Bill Saltzman
Michael Chesler	Rick Kirk	Jonathan Sandvick
Thomas Einhouse	Joseph Marinucci	Robert Weeks
Gary Fischer	Dana Noel	Debra Wilson
Anthony Hiti	Gordon M. Priemer	

**Staff in Attendance**

Ann Bish  
Kathleen Crowther  
Tom Jorgensen

- I. Call to Order: Tony Hiti, serving in Mike Cummins' absence, called the meeting to order.
- Rosemary Reymann moved to approve the minutes of the January 16 Board meeting, which was seconded by Joe Marinucci and unanimously approved.
- II. Membership:
- a. Tony encouraged each Trustee to submit a list of friends to CRS (Kerri Broome) which will be used to reach out to invite new members. Hannah Belsito has provided her list and said that CRS made it a very easy process.
- b. Kathleen Crowther described targeted mailings to Shaker Heights residents. We have experienced an increase in membership but have not analyzed the results yet.
- III. Ann Bish described the financial results for 2015 as having a \$200,000 loss (before depreciation) in 2015 primarily due to the real estate activities related to the Courtland House. Brian Stark asked why CRS has not capitalized the expenses for the Courtland house. Ann replied that we cannot capitalize staff time – out of pocket expenses have been capitalized.

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IV. Audit

KC Koester, walked the Board through her independent third party audit. CRS has received a clean opinion. The Board was asked to review and approve the audit. Joe Marinucci moved to approve the audit, John Sandvick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- V. The Board was asked to approve a resolution to allow members of the Board and staff to sign documents with the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development where we have a number of grants pending. Tom Einhouse moved to approve the resolution, John Sandvick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

VI. Courtland Property Update.

Tom Jorgensen and Kathleen Crowther explained that we are under contract to sell the house. \$195,000 cash offer. Susan Delaney and Bill Saltzman were thanked for their work in selling the house. CRS put \$60,000 into the house, received a tax rebate of \$20,000, and will have some closing costs. As a result, CRS will clear \$150,000.

VII. First Energy's Lakeshore Power Plant Advocacy Issue.

Tony Hiti provided an overview of the facility. The CRS advocacy committee toured the facility with a number of various community groups and presented a summary of other similar power plants that have been recently adaptively reused and repurposed. The advocacy group has developed a position statement asking First Energy to slow down and consider historic preservation principles. CRS is concerned that First Energy is moving towards demolition. Michael Chesler suggested that we approach PUCO in order to slow down the process.

- VIII. It was reported that recent events have been very successful. The snoop at the Drury was very well attended. The Community luncheon was successful and raised \$34,841. Upcoming events – Celebration of Preservations

- IX. Small Deals Project Report – A project is currently in line to serve as the first project using the small deals principals.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Hubbard, Board Secretary.