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**Cleveland Restoration Society**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes**

Sarah Benedict House

Cleveland, Ohio

September 5, 2013

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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

Hannah Fritzman Belsito

Richard Cline

Michael Cummins

Susan Delaney

Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells

Greg Frost

Scott Holbrook

William Hubbard

Jason Jones

Neil Mohny

Dana Noel

Gordon Priemer

Rosemary Reymann

Stephanie Ryberg-Webster

Natoya Walker Minor

Robert Weeks

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Kathleen H. Crowther, President

Tom Jorgensen, Chief Operating Officer

Ann Bish, Business Finance Manager

**I. Chair's Report – Mike Cummins**

- A. The minutes for the meeting on May 21, 2013 were approved by the Board.
- B. Mike recognized the Rosh Hashanah Jewish tradition and apologized that the Benefit was scheduled during Rosh Hashanah.
- C. New Trustees Michael Baruschke, Renee Beaver, Hanna Belsito, Richard Cline, Susan Delaney, Scott Holbrook, Dana Noel, Emily Sullivan (*in absentia*), and Robert Weeks were introduced and welcomed.
- D. The Board was reminded about the benefit, MAD about MOD, to be held on September 14th at ASM International's headquarters building. Michael Chesler was thanked for his coordination and work on the event.
- E. Mike discussed the progress of the Task Force on Small Deals whose goal it is to evaluate the feasibility and practicality of using federal and state tax credits for historic rehabilitation of small scale commercial buildings in Cleveland.

## **II. Chief Operating Officer Report – Tom Jorgensen**

- A. Tom Jorgensen discussed the results through July 31, 2013 and forecast through year end. We are projected to be on budget, coming in at 98% of both budgeted revenue and expenses.

## **III. Trustee's Report**

- A. Gordon Priemer reminded the Board that the third floor of the Sarah Benedict House was available for rent. The Board was asked to recommend the space to anyone looking for space and to let Gordon know if anyone was aware of any possible leads.
- B. Stephanie Ryberg Webster provided an update on the planning for the Historic Preservation in America's Legacy Cities that will be hosted by Cleveland State University and the Levin College of Urban Affairs June 5-7, 2014. The meeting will be an opportunity to cross-collaborate, share ideas, and devise solutions with the goals of launching a more integrated approach to planning for the future of legacy cities, bringing historic preservation into urban policymaking, and crafting a 21st-century preservation profession that is responsive to the needs and conditions of legacy cities. Preservationists, community developers, economic developers, urban planners, urban policymakers, urban designers, and others are invited to participate.

## **IV. President's Report – Kathleen Crowther**

- A. Kathleen and Tom Jorgensen provided an update on the Heritage Home Program and the number of participating cities and wards and the importance of getting all Cleveland wards to participate in the program and the additional funding that 100% participation would provide.
- B. Kathleen reviewed the first year accomplishments of the 40th Anniversary Legacy project and reported on a meeting that was had with U.S. House of Representative Martha Fudge in which they discussed the success of the project. Work is continuing in a second phase - "Know our History." Kathleen was also scheduled to meet with the CDCs on September 10th to discuss how CRS and the CDCs could better coordinate on such projects.
- C. Kathleen summarized a few of the recent advocacy matters.

## **V. Old Business**

None

## **VI. New Business**

None

## **VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Hubbard, Board Secretary.