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**Cleveland Restoration Society**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes**

Sarah Benedict House  
3751 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2705

May 29, 2012

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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**

Michael Cummins	Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells	Tom Einhouse	Lin Emmons
Greg Frost	Dale Hilton	Doug Hoffman	Joe Marinucci
Craig Miller	Analia Nanni Dimit	Neil Mohney	Gordon Priemer
Rosemary Reymann	Jonathan Sandvick	Nancy Seitz	Brian Stark
Natoya Walker Minor			

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Kathleen Crowther, President  
Tom Jorgensen, Chief Operating Officer  
Felicia Hall, Director of Administration  
Hope McGuan, Business and Finance Manager

**I. Chair's Report –Joe Marinucci**

A. Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 17th Board Meeting was seconded and passed by the Board.

B. Beer and Brats at Benedict

This popular fundraiser will be held on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm, in the Sarah Benedict Garden

C. Nominating Committee

Gordon Priemer, Chair, invited nominations by July.

**II. Treasurer's Report – Mike Cummins, Vice President & Hope McGuan, Business & Finance Manager**

A. Financial Report through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Rather than give the financial report for only the first quarter, Hope McGuan presented the first four months to give a fuller picture. CRS is on track to be within its budget this year.

B. Endowment Funds have been transferred from Northern Trust to Vanguard.

### **III. President's Report—Kathleen Crowther**

#### **A. Celebration of Preservation Report**

The Celebration of Preservation was presented by the Cleveland Restoration Society, the AIA Cleveland and AIA Akron with Anthony Whitfield, the chair.

Nine awards were given to projects that best exemplified overall quality of work, adherence to preservation standards, the risk taken by project partners, the use of innovative project tools, and the impact on the greater community. The ceremony was held at the Allen Theatre, which was one of the award recipients. It was a highly successful event with 250 attendees.

#### **B. Recent Publicity**

Cuyahoga Arts and Culture did a very effective, short video describing the work of CRS. It was shown at the Celebration of Preservation and is featured on the home page of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. The Board discussed various venues where this video might also be shown, such as in hotel lobbies, educational institutions and at the airport terminal.

#### **C. Heritage HOME Program**

With Tom Jorgensen's guidance, the Heritage HOME Program has a new logo and a big increase in loans and inquiries already this year. Helping this is the 1.4% interest rate on loans now available through KeyBank for residents in the City of Cleveland. In the county outside Cleveland, KeyBank has agreed to a 2% loan, and in the rest of the state KeyBank has a 12-year agreement with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to provide 2% interest loans. In addition, technical assistance and escrow fees have been reduced. Also, homes with vinyl or aluminium siding are now eligible for loans. Advertising the program has stepped up markedly.

A new "heritage home education society" has been established which may be used instead of "CRS" outside of Cleveland where the name of the city is less helpful.

Significantly, CRS is different from other preservation societies in having a direct service component like the Heritage HOME Program as part of its offerings.

#### **D. Elegant benefit evening**

This year the benefit will be on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, in the lobby and on the mezzanine of the newly restored Calfee, Halter, Griswold building. It will begin with a tour of the Burnham plan buildings that are adjacent.

### **IV. Old Business**

None

### **V. New Business**

The Cleveland Museum of Art and CRS are organizing a tour of downtown 1920 buildings for August 5th and September 9th from 2-4 pm.

### **VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm. Minutes respectfully submitted Lillian Emmons, Board Secretary.