



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

January 8, 2020 | 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM | MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St, Columbus, OH 43206)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

- ✓ PRESIDENT | Jess Norman
- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT | Jessica Hatala
- ✓ TREASURER | Eric Stegemoeller
- ✓ SECRETARY | Amanda Harris
- ✓ MEMBER-AT-LARGE | Lauren Larrick

NEW FACES AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

No one new this month.

MVA TREASURER'S REPORT

Donations in the report are from the chili cook-off and Kroger rewards. We had a super successful summer festival. The other income is rental income. The total income for 2019 was \$20,212.50. Lease and rent is for the Info Center and Pocket Park. Civic contributions was a donation to St. Paul when we moved back to the Info Center to settle up for our time renting their room. The grant expenses were for the Info Center work and Pocket Park. There was a true up for scholarship fund in this category because there is no separate line item to show it. Expenses were \$21,043.97. If you back out the grant expenses, since that's money we got a different year, it's a net positive year.

Next year the residential membership categories will be combined as the business memberships have been organized. Will be moving half of the checking over to savings so we can earn interest on it. We earned \$47 in interest last year. Will be consolidating grant categories for easier readability and tracking, as well.

MVA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Beautification | Membership | Social | Zoning

Beautification: We've received requests for the sign on Mithoff to be repainted, so plans are in the work for when the weather warms up. Grant money will be used for this.

Membership: Business membership drive will begin in February. We need volunteers to deliver packets to area businesses. We will do an email blast to current members to renew and will do another drive prior to the festival.

Social: The next neighborhood happy hour is Thursday at Buns and Brews from 5:30 to 7pm. There will be a game night coming this spring.

Zoning: Nothing new coming through just yet.

SOUTH SIDE AREA COMMISSION UPDATES

No updates.

CHILI COOK-OFF

We will be combining with South Central Commons Block Watch again in trying to recreate last year's magic at Hey Hey. The date will be either 2/29 or 3/7. There will be a veggie category and a meat category. More information will be on social media this week.

2020 FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning starts next month already! Everyone who volunteered last year has agreed to stay on, but we always need more! Reach out to us if you're interested in joining the planning committee.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The grace period ends at the end of February, so get your membership renewed soon!

BYLAW UPDATE COMMITTEE

This is an even numbered year, so we'll be establishing a committee to take a look at our bylaws and update them based on community suggestions that have come in and any ideas they have. If you're interested in helping, let us know.

ON THE BLOG

We're starting a blog! The first post will be coming soon. The blog will replace the newsletter so there can be more of a steady stream of information..

2020 GRANTS



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We're submitting two applications this year, both due 1/31.

1 – Street trees. Tony has reached out to the neighborhood design center to get information on the tree plans. They can do an analysis of where trees would be most useful. If we get the grant, we could then reimburse neighbors for planting trees that the city has approved. The goal is to keep it along the street. NDC recently did this and has experience. We'll be looking for partnerships to help us stretch the money from the grant, should we be awarded the grant.

2 – Festival. This is an event for the community that has no charge, so it's eligible for a grant. The details of the grant are yet to be worked out, but the planning committee will be discussing ways to improve the festival and requesting a grant for these things. The thought is something around art.

If anyone knows of any grants outside of United Way we could submit an application for, let us know. If you have an interest in doing a project in the area, also let us know.

OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

- Nothing discussed.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Merion Village Block Watch Meeting | January 14th (6:30 - 7:30 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

Village Connections Monthly Brunch | January 16th (10:30 AM) at Scrambler Marie's Livingston

PAMA Monthly South Side Happy Hour | January 21st (5 - 7 PM) at Parsons North Brewing Company

South Side Area Commission Monthly Meeting | January 28th (6:30 - 8 PM) at Parsons Branch Library

GENERAL REMINDERS

- ✓ Visit our website at www.MerionVillage.com for information about the MVA, past meeting minutes, details about upcoming events and a variety of helpful resources. You can also join the MVA and signup for our monthly newsletter!
- ✓ Community Rewards: Remember that you can help support the MVA through our community reward partnerships! Visit our website for instructions to sign up for the 4 community reward programs including AmazonSmile, GoodSearch, GoodShop and Kroger Community Rewards.
- ✓ Report non-emergency crime to the Columbus Police Department by calling 614-645-4545.
- ✓ Report potholes, code violations, broken dumpsters and other requests for City services through the 311 Program. Call 311 from your telephone or visit www.311.columbus.gov

NEXT MONTHLY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, February 5th | 7:15 PM at MVA Info Center (1330 S 4th St)