

Board Meeting Minutes | Friday, Aug. 21, 2020

I. Consent Agenda

Quorum establishment: Anne Thomas called the meeting to order with a quorum at 8:28 a.m.

Board members in attendance: Anne Thomas, Sam Dinges, Lucas Parker, Rob Foxley, Carin Meyer, Justin Saunders, and Kevin Gunnip. Amy Peltier (telephonic).

II. Absent: Cassi Campbell (excused) Kristy Bernier (excused); Steve Solari (unexcused)

Staff in attendance: Ailis Vann

It was moved and passed to approve the agenda with the following amendment: Add item D (Ballot Measure One position) to V. Discussion & Action Items.

It was moved and passed to approve the July 2020 minutes.

III. Persons to be Heard: None

IV. Reports

A. President's Report: Anne reviewed her report.

B. Treasurer's Report: The current financials and the Treasurer's Report were reviewed by Rob Foxley. The treasurer discussed the negative effects of COVID cancellations on current financial numbers as well as high recent expenses, including Friday Fling and Shop/Taste Palmer. It was moved and approved to pass the Treasurer's Report.

C. Executive Director's Report: Ailis provided the Executive Director's Report with updates on the following items:

1. A grant was recently received from the City of Palmer to assist with the impacts of COVID.
2. Applications were submitted for other government grants to assist with COVID impacts, including an AKCARES grant and another from the Mat-Su Borough. The ED will also be spreading the word to members who may qualify for these grants and who need assistance.
3. Reviewed and discussed upcoming scheduled events.
4. Reviewed list of new members and renewals.

D. Events Committee Report: Sam reviewed the Events Committee Report.

V. Discussion & Action Items


A. Holiday Kickoff Outdoor Market: Discussed logistics for an outdoor market to be held on Nov. 7 to kickoff the holiday season in Palmer with modifications due to COVID, including how to socially distance activities, provide outdoor heaters and create a sense of celebration and holiday spirit despite current events. It was moved and approved to move forward with the Holiday Kickoff Outdoor Market.

B. CARES Act funding distribution: Discussed how to use the funding provided by the Mat-Su Borough and other entities.

C. Fall fundraiser needs: Rather than hold the annual auction (due to COVID concerns), the board discussed alternative fundraising ideas. Reviewed prize ideas for raffles, the revival of Palmer "Bingles" local currency from the Palmer Colony, and the sale of raffle tickets by board members. The raffle will be launched on Sept. 18.

- D. Ballot Measure One position: The board discussed whether to take a position on Ballot Measure One, and whether GPCC should publicly support a “no” vote on the measure. Ailis reviewed survey results from the membership and the response rate to the survey. It was moved and seconded to take a stand supporting the “no” vote on Ballot Measure One. The motion failed with five board members voting no, two board members voting yes, and two board members abstaining. The board recommended that the survey be re-issued to members and will bring the issue up for discussion at the next board meeting.
 - E. Next Board Meeting: Monthly Board Meeting, Friday, Sept. 18, 2020, 8:00 a.m.
- VI. Round Table/Board Member Comments:
- A. Kevin: We really need to take a stand on Ballot Measure One.
- VII. Adjournment: There being no further business to address, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. per Anne. Motion passed.

Humbly submitted:

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Carin Meyer
Board Secretary