

## Minutes of meeting August 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

Present- Lynn Brammer, Piper Durrell, Linda Greaver, Ellen Hall, Sue Hossack, Janice Litschert, Linda Powers, Brenda Springer, Ken Vaughn

1. Agenda accepted (Sue, Linda P.)
2. Approval of minutes ( Linda, ?)
3. Treasurer's Report

The book sale income is way down from las year- minus \$7500 (see later discussion)

The garden tour usually brings in \$5000 and of course that dirt not happen this year

so income was down approximately \$13,000 BUT

expenses were down \$800

net income \$9,000

3,500 in cash

liabilities increased by \$300, all related to Garden Tour sponsorships moved forward to 2021 Anniversary Garden Tour (add Bonomo's to the list)

Discussion:

From Ellen- total direct support better than expected

questions as to what exactly is a long term liability

report accepted (Linda P, Ken)

4. Garden Tour

Lynn sent notes of appreciation to 2020 garden tour owners

2 people on committee are searching, aka snooping, for several gardens within the Blacksburg16 Squares area to replace this year gardens that owners cannot promise to be available next year. The hope is that, if kept to that general area, the tour can be, as hoped for this year, a Grand 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary garden/hiking/walking/biking celebration.

Other Discussions:

Linda mentioned that the staff at the Christiansburg library had noticed that the cost of K cups is now higher the \$1 charges- so perhaps the price should be raised. Ellen will explore this issue.

Karim had a discussion with Beth Obenshain – she, in her role with the League of Women Voters, is interested in writing an article for the fall FOL newsletter about voting in this election. Everyone thought it was a great idea, and dates were discussed. Since early voting begins Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, it is best if her article could be in by the end of August. The timing of newsletters is usually related to events- remember those?- such as book sales, membership drives, and garden tours, but now since the newsletter is normally sent via email, the timing can be different.

All the summer reading program sponsors got thank you notes. Those donations covered the cost of the software needed to put the program online.

Book donations to libraries- we are not sure as to the status, formal/informal