

Annual Board of Directors Dinner Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2022

THE MINISTRY OF CARING



SACRED HEART VILLAGE



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE



SACRED HEART HOUSING



SACRED HEART VILLAGE II



VILLAGE OF ST. JOHN



VILLA MARIA

Members present: Mayor James Baker (MOC), Karen Bifferato, Esq. (SHH), Mark Calandra (MOC), Susan Canning (VM/SHV II), The Hon. Trippi Congo (SHH), Anne Connolly, Esq. (MTH), Chip Connolly, Esq. (MOC/VSJ/VM), Matt Davis, Esq. (SHV I/MTH), Patricia Enerio, Esq. (MTH), Rick Gessner (MOC/SHH/VM), The Hon. Bob Gilligan (MOC/VM), Dr. David Hack (MOC), Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq., (SHV I) The Hon. Kent Jordan (MOC/SHV I), Ted Kaufman (MOC), Deborah Kraak (SHH), Dr. Vinny Kripalu (MTH), Bill LaFond (MOC), Megan McGlinchey (MOC), Burney Miller (SHH), Corinne Murphy (VM), Kim Orth (MOC), Mark Reardon, Esq. (MOC/VSJ), Elaine Reilly, Esq. (VSJ/VM), David Ross (SHH), David Singleton (VM), John Sullivan (MOC), Michael Szczerba (VSJ), Todd Veale (VSJ), Jane Vincent (VSJ), Joan Wachstein (SHV II), Kevin Wilson, AIA (MTH)

Members excused: Gert Abel (SHV II), The Hon. Maria Cabrera (SHH), Hector Colon (MTH), John Cook (SHV I/VM), Richard Forsten, Esq., (VSJ/SHH), Anne Foster, Esq. (VSJ), Lindsay Foy, Esq. (SHV II), Rick Giacco (SHH), Sr. Margaret Mary Graney, OSB (MTH), Joe Grey (SHH), Norman Griffiths (VSJ), Jimmy Horty (SHV II), Emily Kariuki, RN (VM), Brendan Kenneally (MOC), Brian King (MOC), Dr. Garry Lyons (MOC), Patricia Lyons, Esq. (SHV I), Connie McCarthy (MOC), Pete McCarthy (VM), The Hon. Mary McDonough (MTH), Helen McHugh (SHV I), Frank Modesto (MOC), Marilyn Monahan (MOC), Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq., (MOC/SHV I), Oderah Nwaeze, Esq. (MTH), Liz Ramsoram, RN (MTH), Lee Ramunno, Esq. (SHV II), Mike Rickert (MOC), Jim Roszkowski (MOC), Judy Saydlowski (SHV I), Kathleen Duffy Smith, Esq. (SHV I), Wendie Stabler, Esq. (VSJ), John Sweeney (MOC/VSJ), Greg Varallo, Esq. (MOC), Synquette Wilks (MOC)

Master of Ceremonies: Mark Reardon, Esq., Ministry of Caring/Village of St. John
Board member

Welcome to a joint meeting of seven entities:*Mark Reardon, Emcee*

Mark Reardon welcomed boards and staff, and thanked Bill Bradley, Gordon Corbitt and their banquet staff, including House of Joseph kitchen staff, for a wonderful dinner.

Mark shared some inspiring comments on this, the 45th anniversary year of MOC.

Approval of Minutes of last meetings and Elections of Board members and Officers*Village of St. John—Todd Veale, President*

A motion was made by Jane Vincent to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Szczerba seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Todd presented the nominations:

●Officers whose terms expire:	●Officers nominated for 1 st 1-year term:
President: Todd Veale	President: Wendie Stabler, Esq.
Vice Pres: Wendie Stabler, Esq.	Vice Pres: Richard Forsten, Esq.
Secretary: Norman D. Griffiths	Secretary: Elaine Reilly, Esq.
Treasurer: Mark L. Reardon, Esq.	Treasurer: The Hon. Michael Szczerba

- Members nominated for a second three-year term:

Richard Forsten, Esq.
Elaine Reilly, Esq.
The Hon. Michael Szczerba

- Our thanks to retiring member:

The Hon. Jane Vincent – for five years of service

A motion was made by Jane Vincent to elect all those nominated. Mike Szczerba seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Ministry of Caring—Mayor Jim Baker, President/Chip Connolly, Chair, Nominating Committee

A motion was made by Mike Calandra to approve the minutes as presented. Kim Orth seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

As outgoing President of MOC, Jim thanked the board, declaring it “the best board” he has ever been on. He also thanked staff, with a special thanks to Br. Ronald.

Chip Connolly presented the nominations:

◆Officers nominated for first one-year term:
President: Bill LaFond
Vice Pres: Danielle Nowaczyk, Esq.
Secretary: Mark Calandra
Treasurer: Megan McGlinchey
Legal Counsel: Chip Connolly, Esq.

- Members nominated for an additional three-year term:

Jim Baker
Rick Gessner
Marilyn Monahan
Kimberlee Orth

Br. Rudolph Pieretti, OFM Cap.
John Sullivan

- Our thanks to members whose terms have expired:
Chip Connolly, Esq. – for 24 years of service*
The Hon. Kent Jordan – for 15 years of service

*Although Chip will be off the board, he will remain as legal counsel

- Our thanks to members who have retired:
The Hon. Ted Kaufman – for 12 years of service
Tara Quinn – for 15 years of service
Michael Rickert – for 5 years of service

- Nomination for first three-year term:
Matt Davis, Esq.
Richard Forsten, Esq.
Rabbi Peter Grumbacher
Dennis Nealon
David Ross

- Nomination of former Board members to Advisory Board:
Valerie Biden Owens 1980-2021 Arthur Connolly, Esq. 1998-2022
Paul King, Ed.D. 1990-2021 The Hon. Kent Jordan 2007-2022
Barbra Andrisani 1997-2021 The Hon. Colm Connolly 2009-2021
The Hon. Ted Kaufman 2010-2022

A motion was made by Judge Jordan to elect all those nominated. Kim Orth seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Housing—Karen Bifferato, Esq., President

A motion was made by Deborah Kraak to approve the minutes as presented. Rick Gessner seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Karen Bifferato presented the nominations:

- ✦ Officers nominated for 2nd one year term:
President: Karen Bifferato, Esq.
Vice President: The Hon. Maria Cabrera
Secretary: David Ross
Treasurer: Deborah Kraak

✦ Our thanks to long time board member Joe Grey who is resigning from his membership early due to his retirement and relocating to Maine.

✦ We mourn the loss of our long-time board member, The Hon. Loretta Walsh.

- Nomination of City Councilor Michelle Harlee to replace Loretta Walsh

A motion was made by Rick Gessner to approve the nominations. David Ross seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Mother Teresa House—Tricia Enerio, President

Tricia thanked Mark Reardon for all that he does to assist the boards. She welcomed Anne Connolly to her first in-person meeting, and Dion Murphy, the Program Director of MTH.

A motion was made by Anne Connolly to approve the minutes as presented. Kevin Wilson seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Tricia presented the nominations:

- ✦ Officers nominated for 2nd one-year term
 - President: Patricia Enerio, Esq.
 - Vice President: Kevin Wilson, AIA

- ✦ Secretary nominated for 3rd one-year term:
 - Oderah Nwaeze, Esq.

- ✦ Treasurer nominated for 1st one-year term:
 - Anne Connolly, Esq.

- ✦ Members nominated for a three-year term:
 - Patricia Enerio, Esq.
 - Mary McDonough, Esq.

- ✦ Nominated for first three-year term:
 - Richard Sisca

- ✦ Our thanks to Member whose term has expired:
 - Elizabeth Ramsoram – for 3 years of service

A motion was made by Vinny Kripalu to elect the nominees. Anne Connolly seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Tricia ended by thanking Liz Ramsoram, board member and RN staff at House of Joseph II, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Sacred Heart Village I—Matt Davis, President (for March and May 2022 meetings)

A motion was made by Christine Dealy Haynes to approve the March and May minutes as presented. Judge Jordan seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Matt presented the nominations:

- ✦ Officers nominated for third one-year term:
 - President: Matthew Davis, Esq.
 - Vice Pres: Kathleen Duffy Smith
 - Secretary: Helen McHugh

- ✦ Treasurer nominated for first one-year term:
 - Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq.

- ✦ Members renominated:
 - Christine Dealy Haynes, Esq. – second term
 - The Hon. Kent Jordan — sixth term

Judy Saydlowski – fifth term

A motion was made by Judge Jordan to elect the nominees. Christine Dealy Haynes seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Sacred Heart Village II—Susan Canning, President

A motion was made by Joan Wachstein to approve the minutes as presented. Sue Canning seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Susan presented the nominees:

- ✦ Officers nominated for second one-year term:
 - President: Susan C. Canning
 - Vice President: Sara Wagner, Esq.
 - Secretary: Lindsay Orr, Esq.
- ✦ Officer nominated for first one-year term:
 - Treasurer: Joan Wachstein
- ✦ Members nominated for an additional three-year term:
 - Sara Wagner, Esq. Gert Abel
 - L. Vincent Ramunno, Esq. Joan Wachstein
- ✦ Our thanks to Member whose term has expired:
 - James Horty, III
- ✦ Member nominated for first three-year term:
 - Gina Medori

A motion was made by Joan Wachstein to elect the nominees. Susan Canning seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Susan stated that these resolutions would be presented to the SHV II board in January, with a quorum present.

Mark Reardon agreed that Chip Connolly has advised that all boards absent a quorum tonight will present their resolutions at the January board meetings.

Villa Maria—Chip Connolly, Esq., President

A motion was made by Todd Veale to approved the minutes as presented. Corinne Murphy seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Chip presented the nominations:

- ✦ Officers nominated for second one-year term:
 - President: Chip Connolly, Esq.
 - Vice Pres: Sue Canning
 - Secretary: John Sweeney
 - Treasurer: Elaine Reilly, Esq.
- Members who served one year, re-nominated for a three-year term:
 - Corinne Murphy
 - Todd Veale

A motion was made by Susan Canning to elect the nominees. Todd Veale seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Overview of All Seven Organizations:

Br. Ronald Giannone, OFM Cap., Executive Director

Ministry of Caring Board Resolutions for Grant Proposals – Mayor Baker

Grant writer Carol Carr will attend the meeting for applicants on Monday.

New Castle County:

- *Community Development Block Grant*
- *Emergency Services Grant*

A motion was made by Chip Connolly to approve the resolutions for CDBG and ESG grant proposals. Bill LaFond seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.

Review of Financial Reports:

Karen Smith, CFO, Deputy Director of Finance

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Upcoming Events - Priscilla Rakestraw

Priscilla announced that Village of St. John had received the Affordable Community of the Year Award from the Delaware Apartment Association.

Recognition Dinner: December 2, 5:30-8 pm

Honorees:

- Daughters of Penelope
- Anne & Colm Connolly
- Chris Leonard of WJBR
- Dyla Renol of BlackRock

Benefactors' Holiday Party: December 15, 5-7 pm

Other Business:

Mark Reardon called Judge Jordan (MOC), Jane Vincent (VSJ), and Chip Connolly (MOC) to the podium. He thanked them for the honor of working with them as they retire from their respective boards and presented them with a gift and our gratitude.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Closing prayer: Annie Halverson