

**The Lower Merion Historical Society
Executive Board Meeting
Lower Merion Academy
Thursday, June 20, 2013**

Present: Jerry Francis, Joanne Murray, Steve Salinger, Pete Hoskins, Leon Levine, Max Buten, Sam Adenbaum,, Bobbie McElroy.

Excused Absence: Ken Brier.

Invited Guests: Sarah Francis (left the meeting before the discussion of the lease), and Jeffrey Schwartz (left the meetng after the discussion of the lease).

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The minutes from the April 28, 2013 Annual Board Meeting were approved.

Jerry announced that this meeting will concentrate on the Cynwyd Train Station First Floor Lease. The next Board meeting in September will get back to the Strategic Plan.

Cynwyd Station First Floor Lease:

Revitalization of the Cynwyd Train Station has been in the works for 5 1/2 years. We now must approve a sublease agreement, hopefully by July or August, so we can start to collect rent. A request for a café was approved by Township Zoning as *an accessory use of the Trail and will be permitted as a matter of right*. At our last Board Meeting (4/28/13), a sub-committee was formed with Sam Adenbaum as chairperson along with Ken Brier and Pete Hoskins to negotiate a proposal for lease of the first floor of the Cynwyd Station by Sarah Francis. Since then, Sam has ask Jeffrey Schwartz to temporarily act as our solicitor in this matter.

Sam reported about the meeting at Ken's house on June 19th, where there were face-to-face negottions with both parties. In atendance were: Sam Adenbaum, Jeffrey Schwartz, Ken Brier, Pete Hoskins, Jerry Francis, Bruce Reed, Sarah Francis and her attorney, Geoffrey Forney.

The outcome of this meeting was an agreement of all terms and an end to formal negotiations. The Board accepted the sub-committee's recommndation as having an agreement in principle. Having the terms of the lease agreed to, the Board disbanded the sub-committee and thanked Sam, Jeffrey, Ken and Pete for their work. As a housekeeping matter, Geoff and Jeff will work on the exact final wording reflecting the agreed to changes and expect to have an executable lease by no later than June 28th.

The Motion was made and seconded that the *Lower Merion Historical Society will move the lease of the Cynwyd Train Station forward and obtain approval from Lower Merion Township, as soon as possible*. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board assigned Jerry and Ken to take the next step and "*approach the Township*" to find out exactly what approval entails and from whom, since it is not outlined in the lease

agreement between the Township and LMHS. A discussion followed. Sam feels that the Township approval is not guaranteed

The Motion was made and seconded that the *Lease of the Cynwyd Train Station must be signed by an Officer of the Society Board, other than the President*. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Reports:

Sam Adenbaum presented the *Balance Sheet, as of May 31, 2013* and the *Profit and Loss Statement, for April and May 2013*. He noted that most of the large expenses have been paid and that the Society did not have much revenue, nor many operating expenses. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

No report from Dean Dortone on the *2012 Financial Review*. Sam has not had the opportunity to meet with Dean for him to prepare this report.

Education:

Year-to-Date there have been 15 Lectures/Events.

Library:

Max, Ted and Jerry continue to staff the Academy on Wednesday evenings and on Saturday afternoons..

Database Administration/Newsletter:

Vertical Response: has 869 listings. We have email addresses for 839 listings and 30 listings without an email address.

Website/Facebook:

Joanne wrote a letter to L. M. High School, looking for any volunteers to work on the website, over the summer. She and Max continue to work the sites. Also, Max distributed, via email, his *Report to LMHS Board on the Building Photographs*.

Membership:

Jerry and Joanne mailed 2nd notices on June 4th. So far we have 11 paid Members, 28 Life Members and 154 Not Paid Members.

Program:

We need to find ways to continue the Society as an Organization. Plans are on hold until fall.

Old Business:

There are 15 historic Milestones within the Township. All need protection. Lower Merion Street Signs are eligible for the Historic Register. Some have been moved to the Township Weigh Station. Ted is working on the project.

New Business:

Wendell Holland, from Ardmore, is trying to raise money for a Historic Marker, noting the "Moment of Integration" at the location of the Ardmore Ave. School site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara McElroy
Secretary

Next Board Executive Board Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:30 PM