

Date: July 11, 2022, 6:00 pm

Place: First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine Streets

Members absent: Jackie Bryson, Chase Mosijowsky, Christian Rahe, Heidi Shenk



President **Alan Bunker** called the meeting to order at 6:02.

Items for Presentation, Discussion or Action:

1. Review/approval of previous meeting's minutes – Mary Heimert made a motion to approve, seconded by **Tricia Lynn**, and all voted in favor.

2. Review/approval of Treasurer's report – Teri Boland moved approval, **Joan Meyer** seconded, and all voted in favor.

3. Reports of Committees:

A. Finance – Tricia reminded the group that the \$861 of Annual Interest Grant funding needs to be spent by August 31. This money has traditionally been used to provide treats to first responders. Teri has agreed to coordinate the project. **Lorry Hartley** volunteered to secure and deliver food to the fire station. Teri will look after the Ambassadors and has someone in mind to take the police station. Tricia said that Neighborhood Activation funds granted to Zeigler Park and Saturday Hoops also need to be spent and documented by the end of August. Tricia is waiting for Cincinnati Parks to send a bill for watering planters as provided for in the DRC grant for city beautification.

B. Membership Directory – **Victoria Pershick** announced that she would give an update on this project at the membership meeting. The directory debut is now August 1. Any member with remaining questions should direct them to Victoria. She proposes to treat members who have not responded to the directory solicitation as having opted out. That is, their names will appear as members, without additional information, unless and until they submit that additional information and actively permit its being shared with others.

C. Information & Technology – **Esther Wing** reported that the DRC Facebook page now has 169 followers.

D. Social – **Mary Heimert** reviewed the upcoming schedule: the Hard Rock Casino on July 19, Jane's Bar in Findlay Market on August 16, and likely Frankie's Sips & Savories on Garfield Place in September.

E. **Clean, Green & Safe** - Alan had previously emailed his report on this topic.

F. **Board Retreat** - **Andrew Naab** said that an agenda had been sent to board members just before the meeting, providing details of the July 23 retreat, to be held from 10:00 to 2:00 at the YMCA, 1105 Elm Street, 2nd floor conference room. He outlined the day's activities

4. Old Business – none brought forward

5. New Business

Alan conveyed a request from **Jackie Bryson** for help in identifying speakers for future meetings. She has no one tapped for August so far. **Seth Harmon** suggested that it would be interesting to hear from some of the developers engaged in building projects downtown. Andrew agreed, saying that he knew many of the likely candidates and would coordinate with Jackie on approaching them. He also suggested Tom Demeropolis, senior reporter with the *Cincinnati Business Courier*, who covers commercial real estate and development.

Alan said that he had been touch with Captain Doug Wiesman on the subject of Officer John Harris, who was badly beaten by a robbery suspect on July 8 and who is facing reconstructive surgery. Doug said that an expression of support from DRC would be much appreciated. Alan passed around a card for Board members to sign. **Kurt Grossman** made a motion to purchase a \$100 gift card for Officer Harris as well; all approved.

6. Announcements

Andrew wondered whether DRC had been approached in connection with taking a role in this year's BLINK festival; Alan said no.

Alan asked Board members to be prepared to ask questions of membership meeting speakers in order to encourage post-presentation discussion.

Seth agreed to take minutes of the August Board meeting in Lisa Sprague's absence. Tricia will preside over the August membership meeting in Alan's absence. Mary agreed to be on door duty in advance of that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 pm at First Financial Innovation Center, 4th & Vine.