

**Date:** May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm

**Place:** First Financial Innovation Center, 4<sup>th</sup> & Vine Streets

**Members absent:** Lorry Hartley, Esther Wing, Andrew Naab

**Jackie Bryson** called the meeting to order at 6:01.



**1. Speaker and Welcome - Jackie Bryson** reported Jason Chamlee, OTR Projects, postponed his presentation until June 2023. Jackie welcomed the Board as her first time as President. Jackie distributed DRC member cards.

**2. Approval of April minutes - Tricia Lynn** made a motion to approve the minutes, **Teri Boland** seconded, and all voted in favor.

**3. Review/approval of Treasurer's report** - Mary moved approval, Joan seconded, and all voted in favor.

**4. Reports of Committees:**

- A. **Finance - Tricia Lynn** reported we received the Annual Interest Grant from Invest In Neighborhoods (IIN). These funds are used for Outreach projects. We learned the fire department on 9<sup>th</sup> Street is not in the DRC service area because our *meetings* are held on 4<sup>th</sup> Street rather than the Library. Our *meeting* location is serviced by the Central Avenue Fire Department who will now be attending future member meetings. Proposal made and approved to support both fire departments (9<sup>th</sup> and Central) in the Outreach projects for 2023.
- B. **Membership Management - Joan Meyer** volunteered to back-up/be a co-committee member with **Lorry Hartley**. All agreed to give Joan full admin rights to Wild Apricot. **Chase Mosijowsky** asked for a list of paying DRC business members and will reach out to them on Twitter.
- C. **Information & Technology – Carol Glotfelter** will serve as IT lead. Member **Tracy Johnson** is helping with this. All agreed to give Tracy full admin rights to Wild Apricot.
- D. **Social - Mary Heimert** reported 32 members RSVP'd for the social on May 17th at Corkopolis. Future scheduled socials:
  - a. June - In Between Tavern
  - b. July 11<sup>th</sup> - Nicholson's Back Stage second floor following member meeting
  - c. August - Filson at the Banks

**E.Outreach** - Looking for volunteers to buy food and deliver it to the Cincinnati police, fire departments and ambassadors. **Teri Boland** will solicit volunteers at the May membership meeting. The funds for this program must be spent before August.

F. **Clean, Green & Safe** - **Alan Bunker** had previously emailed his report on this topic. **Sue Byrom** is scheduling a meeting with 3CDC to discuss the area outside of On the Rhine Kroger and the bus stop next to Pilar on Court Street. These two areas have become troublesome. Sue will talk with 3CDC and Kroger about moving the bus stop.

G.**Speakers** - **Seth Harmon** reported speakers are confirmed for all 2023 membership meetings including September. May's speaker will discuss Medicare fraud. September's speaker is from Ascend Wellness Holdings and will discuss their new medical marijuana dispensary to open on Reedy Street. Seth is working on 2024 speakers. Send him an email if you have someone interested in addressing the DRC membership. Council Member Keating addressing members in May's meeting about changing/adding a name to one of the street signs in honor of Simon Leis, who has fallen ill.

H.**Young Downtowners** - **Chase Mosijowsky** set up a DRC Twitter account. Feel free to follow it. He sent out a few tweets highlighting Downtown events and will send a tweet regarding the May member meeting. He will be highlighting Downtown events and businesses. He will also highlight the Pickle ball tournament at Sawyer Point.

### New Business

**2023-24 Board photo date to be scheduled** - **Jackie Bryson** wants a Board photo following an upcoming meeting. Target date is next Board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Old Business

**Kurt Grossman** provided an update on the medical marijuana dispensary on Reedy Street (near dog park). The property has been excavated but waiting on city permits and state licenses to continue further.

**DRC Member Cards/DRC discounts for members** - **Jackie Bryson** presented a generic DRC membership card. Some businesses offering DRC member discounts are asking for a method to determine if someone is a DRC member and the card can fulfill the need. Will discuss again in June 2023 Board meeting.

**DRC By Laws update** - **Kurt Grossman** reported the constitution is being updated and modernized to meet city code/regulations. Updates will address voting, conflict of interest, etc. A draft is in progress.

**DRC member expansion** - **Jackie Bryson** created a DRC brochure with an invitation attached to attend a meeting and join. These will be given to members, apartment managers, etc., to invite folks to attend a meeting and join. Current membership is 335-340.

**DRC Twitter account** - **Chase Mosijowsky** asked to be on the June member meeting agenda to talk about our Twitter account and how it will be used to promote new members, events, and businesses.

**Announcements** - **Alan Bunker** distributed name tags to new Board members. **Jackie Bryson** thanked **Lisa Sprague** for her dedication to the Board and passed on a flash drive to download meeting minutes for the past four year. It was reported that Woods Hardware on 9<sup>th</sup> Street decided not to renew its membership for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01.

**Next meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, First Financial Innovation Center**