

Hillsdale Community Foundation

Regular Board Meeting

February 28, 2022

Video Conference Call

Directors Present: Amy Houchen (chair), Dick Hausken (treasurer), Spencer French, Jennifer Bonas.

Directors Emeriti present: Anne Prescott (acting secretary)

Guest: board director applicant Jessica Kaplan

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

January 24, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Jennifer moved to accept minutes. Dick seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dick reported that there have not been many changes to report. The graffiti removing tool purchase was reimbursed. The rental fee of Rieke playground was paid.

Solar Fair Update: Amy reported that Rieke playground has been secured for the fair from 8-1 on May 15th. Amy, Jennifer and Anne have been meeting regularly to move it forward. We are looking for the HCF banner and asked fellow board members to be on the lookout for it.

Amy heard back from the Office of Civic Life that their grants are no longer available. They will have more grants available for clean-up projects such as for houseless encampments.

Amy asked who reached out to Ida B Wells HS and Robert Gray MS to inquire about their grant programs to support the houselessness. Jennifer thought a HAT member reached out but had not heard back yet.

Garden Variety will not be meeting in March because the beds are looking good. Amy reported that planting is scheduled for April. We are in particular need of ground cover. Anne will provide more sedums.

We need more board members. Amy spoke with Chris Reed who may be interested after her mother's estate is settled, and Nathan Kadish who is interested in working on projects but cannot commit to a board membership at this time. Jennifer suggested we set up a HCF table at events such as the solar fair or at the Farmer's Market to recruit new members. She volunteered to man the table but couldn't start until after April. Dick also volunteered to man the table.

Pancake Breakfast Update: Mike Roach will discuss starting the breakfast up again with HBPA during their next meeting. The logistics of starting the Book Sale along with the Pancake Breakfast were discussed. Dick said he would be interested in getting it started again. Jessica volunteered to help.

Social Media Updates: Jennifer will update to announce regular Usual Suspects gathering March 4th. She suggested using social media to recruit new board members and said she'd try to get something posted in March. She will also like recruit for the summer watering position but would need a written job description.

The next board meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 7 pm.

Dick moved the meeting be adjourned. Jennifer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm