

## Historic Wooster Square Association, Inc.



**Board Meeting  
January 26, 2022  
6:00-7:00pm**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Cordalie Benoit, Sarah Greenblatt, Ellen Keane, Keith Lorch, Charlotte Murphy, Bonnie Rosenberg, Cheryl Szczarba

#### **Welcome**

Cordalie welcomed those who could attend.

#### **Acceptance of Minutes of November 17, 2021**

Sarah moved and Cheryl seconded that the November 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes be approved. Unanimous approval, with request that Survey results be attached.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Keith shared the annual 2021 summary and reported that we spent \$99.95 in January with \$20K in the bank and \$10K earmarked for the Cherry Blossom Festival. See Below.

#### **Update on State Application for Funding**

Sarah reported that she and Cordalie re-filed the Application on 1/26/22 with adjustments to budget details and the narrative reflecting a stronger relationship to the pandemic. She thanked Keith, Cordalie, Edward and Rahul for their support in reviewing and adding to the Application.

#### **Update on Community Meeting**

Sarah reported that it was a positive meeting with an informative presentation by Edward. There was consensus that traffic calming, pedestrian safety and public/personal safety are the highest priorities of the community as reflected by the 85 survey respondents. The New Haven Independent also provided a positive spin on the meeting, despite the title. [https://www.newhavenindependent.org/article/wooster\\_square\\_uture](https://www.newhavenindependent.org/article/wooster_square_uture)

#### **Other Neighborhood Needs**

There was a short discussion about Olive/Wooster developer's including historic lighting on Union Street – with a hope they will place on the west side of the street – and that other developers will also place historic lights along Chapel Street.

Cordalie agreed to reach out to Mayor to follow up on the e-mail she sent last year about repairs needed in Wooster Sq Park and the surrounding area.

There was agreement to coordinate a neighborhood walk to identify sidewalk (and other) repairs needed and create a map that is color coded by priority areas to send to our respective Alders for advocacy with City. Might also send pictures to SeeClickFix for key repairs needed. Cordalie advised that permeable pavements allow for more breathability of tree roots.

Bonnie mentioned the Conservancy has funds from Koizim family that can be used for mold to make more benches in the park and elsewhere in the City. Also the Conservancy has funds to place a bench in memory of Harvey Koizim in WS Park. She hasn't been able to engage the City in spending these funds. Cordalie suggested she speak to the City Landscape Architect Katherine or Kathleen Jacobs about how to move this forward.

### **Annual Meeting**

Agreed that Cordalie will ask Roland Lemar to be our keynote to talk about traffic Calming and Pedestrian safety in our neighborhood, it's history over time, and his feelings about living here and supporting our needs. Meeting could be March 23 or when his schedule allows given legislative schedule.

### **Membership**

Cheryl proposed spending \$2000 for another dissemination of our membership fliers. Keith seconded it. Passed unanimously. Also, Cheryl requested that we include a \$300 Lifetime Membership for Businesses – a category which we haven't had. One business joined at \$150 for Lifetime, so Cheryl agreed to reach out and ask to increase to \$300, as the \$150 is for individuals.

### **Cherry Blossom Festival Update - April 24**

Cheryl filed a permit for the Festival and heard this week that the City is considering whether/how to support large festivals. City Logistics Planning meetings will begin again soon. She is hosting a "kick off CBF planning meeting" on 2/1 or 2/7 to explore what the Committee wants to plan. The plan is to keep it lower key (as possible) have music in the park and food trucks on two streets surrounding the park so there would be greater social distancing in the park. Once Committee determines what it is comfortable planning, Cheryl will reach out to HWSA membership for new Committee members and volunteers for the day of. Cheryl also thought we could have the stencils Charlotte Eliscu used last year placed all over to remind people of the Festival.

### **Nominations**

Agreed that Cheryl will send an email to our HWSA membership to ask if anyone is interested in nominating themselves or others to serve on the 2022-23 Board. Bonnie agreed to coordinate nominations that come forward and present a report to the Board. The Board can also think of others who might want to join.

### **Adjournment – 7pm**

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah B. Greenblatt, Secretary*

**Historic Wooster Square Association  
Treasurer's Report  
Nov 18 2021 to Dec 31 2021**

	Period	YTD
Starting Balance On Hand	\$ 20,644.67	\$19,719.54
Income		
Membership Dues	\$ 0	4202.64
Cherry Blossom Festival	\$ 0	0
Donation	\$ 0	0
HWSA/Smart Bank Scholarship	\$ 0	0
Total Income	\$ 0	\$ 4202.64
Expense		
Christmas Concert	\$ 0	\$ 0
Membership Mailing	\$ 0	\$ 1820.94
Meeting supplies	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cherry Blossom Festival	\$ 49.95	\$ 904.44
HWSA/Smart Bank Scholarship	\$ 0	\$ 0
Ads	\$ 0	\$ 0
PO Box	\$ 0	\$ 188.00
Memoriums	\$ 0	\$ 0
Pumpkin Decorating event	\$ 0	\$ 0
Preservation Trust Membership	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bank Checks	\$ 0	\$ 0
Website	\$ 0	\$ 414.08
Tree Lighting	\$ 0	\$ 0
State Registration	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Total Expense	\$ 99.95	\$ 3377.46
Balance on Hand 12/31/2021	\$ 20,544.72	\$ 20,544.72
Committed to Legal	\$ 1,000.00	
Committed to Cherry Blossom Festival	\$ 10,000.00	
Uncommitted	\$ 9,544.72	