

Board Meeting November 13, 2023

Location: Brookline Teen Outreach Attendees: Blake Plavchak, Don Mudrick, Lisa Wilson, Dara Barley, Caitlin McNulty, Mark Hopkinson, Bill Kim, Melissa Distel-Kilmer	
Brought to Order	7:00 pm
Minutes	October minutes approved unanimously. Motion = B. Kim Second = D. Mudrick
Rep. Jess Benham	Bill to create grant program to help municipalities oversaturated with liquor licenses deter crime. Submit events for next year for Rep Benham's calendar.
Treasurer's Report - B. Kim	Fund balance = \$18,436. Last month's expenses include the quarterly insurance payment and tree removal at Jacob-Whited. B. Kim will send the budget for review by email.
Membership - M. Distel-Kilmer	2024 membership requests are being sent out soon. Community and business membership fees will be the same as last year. We are considering offering a discount for 2025 membership for businesses that contribute volunteer hours. The next Business Committee meeting will be on 11/27 at the Moonlite Cafe at 7 pm.
Events - D. Mudrick	180 kids participated in the Halloween parade, a total of approximately 250 community members in total. There were seven entries for the house decorating contest. Winners got a gift card to a Brookline business of their choice. Brookline Lights Up is on 12/2. The Brookline Together holiday party is on 12/11 at 6 pm at Brookline Teen Outreach.
Beautification- L. Wilson	Requesting donations to help with the cost of wreath installation. Wreath hanging event is on Saturday 11/18. We need a second bucket truck to decorate the tree or someone to operate the bucket truck later in the afternoon. The firehouse may or may not assist. The bulletin board will be refurbished in spring 2024. Trees have been removed at Jacob-Whited. The next steps are to grade, add gravel and extend the water lines.
Presentation by Anne Ellison	Paid Sick Leave presentation. https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/paidsickleave
Presentation by Ashley Bryant	<p>The mayor's office is hiring: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pittsburgh/jobs/4186115/311-call-center-representative?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pittsburgh/jobs/4181061/engagement-manager?keywords=engagement%20manager&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs</p> <p>Whole Home Repair applications: https://wholehomerepair.allegHENYcounty.us/RESIDENT/Security/CitizenSignIn.</p> <p>PRT meetings: https://BusLineRedesign.com PRT survey: https://engage.rideprt.org/buslineredesign/bus-line-redesign-public-input Smart Spines: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/smartsines</p>

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Board Elections	Total of 15 ballots received. Vice President = Don Mudrick, Treasurer = Bill Kim, Business and Community Development Chair = Melissa Distel-Kilmer, Beautification Co-Chair = Blake Plavchak
Brookline Together Goal Review	Suggestions: Lois McCafferty = more communication. Ashley Bryant = door to door canvassing with door hangers Bill Kim = improve the website Melissa Distel-Kilmer = improve the mobile website experience Ken McNulty = give out handbills at Brookline businesses Caitlin McNulty = increase positive self-promotion Natalie = put out yard signs in plots. Encourage Facebook likes. Post more events on Facebook. Don Mudrick = get a social media manager position Lance Rhodes = have a Brookline Together appreciation celebration
Other Business	Chris Rhodes: The Festival of Trees is still accepting tree registration.
Meeting Adjourned	8:09 pm Motion = C. McNulty, Second = B. Kim