

The Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes: DECEMBER 1, 2016

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Guest: Dorothy Biondi. Discussed senior events at the center. Gave receipts to the treasurer for \$300 from cash from FOGM, \$200 cash remains.

Holiday Party: Dorothy and FOGM discussed the Sing-a-long holiday party on December 16th. 40-60 people are expected. **MOTION:** \$300 for turkey from Rocklands. **APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report: \$56,246 checking. Event possible to clear \$30,000. Amazing. Expenses include \$3,000 and outstanding bills. From the GP Block Party, generous proceeds included Pearsons \$90, Slate \$70, Rocklands \$232. The silent auction from the fundraiser (kudos to Rachel) was \$3,200.

Landscaping: **MOTION:** \$3,000 for Enchanted Gardens to cover expenses, if needed. **APPROVED.**

Rats: Rat problem is a bad as ever.

Board Elections: Pushed to January meeting.

Fundraising Event: Tax letters and thank you's discussed. Needs a mail merge.

Guy Mason Hours and Programming: Discussed the meeting held at Guy Mason on November 29th following the ANC3B meeting on November 15th. Present at the meeting included Masimini DPR, Maduro DGS, Thomas EOM, Smith CHEH, Blumenthal ANC3B, Wright DPR, Messineo FOGM and Brink ANC [--], Biondi SENIORS, Clark VILLAGE, and others. **Positive:** the Senior Village was discussed and DPR's pilot programs involving them were inclusive to the village using the center. **Positive:** better contact with DGS' Frank Maduro and the recognizing of problems, but the bidding process with contractor's remains a problem. **Negative:** the dog park still hasn't received it's wood chips, which continue to take up two parking spaces in the parking lot due to a drain that needs to be replaced. **Negative:** continuing lack of programming at the center, to which DPR said that there will be no more programming, as 85% of DPR's contract budget is spent on GM and Chevy Chase (followed by discussion by FOGM about proof of this financial assertion). **Negative:** a big NO to negotiation on the reduction of weekday hours and the closing of Sundays, with the suggestion made by DPR that it is in violation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) concerning hours. FOGM discussed the feasibility of covering a contract for new programming. Center director Wright was discussed in reference to programming and lack of communication with center users and local neighborhoods and how much antagonism exists between staff and the center users. Discussed how the renovation and then the repaving of the parking lot hurt the return of previously existing programs and classes. Discussed how the Children's Coop was allowed to move into the entire 3rd floor after the renovation, which had been purposely designed to accommodate art classes. Discussed how to develop new classes and if, in light of DPR's "no new programming" dictum, could they be self-sufficient. Discussed the limitations that DPR is forcing on the center and it's programming and usage. Discussed the scheduling of the first meeting with Mr. Wright regarding programming for early in the new year.

FOGM Programming: Discussed creating a schedule of FOGM events in advance to make permitting and marketing to the communities easier. Discussed a monthly/quarterly announcement of FOGM events.

Spring Event: Discussed April, before Easter.

Outdoor Movie: Discussed May, 3rd Friday.