

Board Members Present

Laura Candell Joel Dugan Sharon Swearingen
Alex Petry James Kane Kara Thomas
Allen Stagers Donna Blood Lewis Boyce
Brad Merrifield Brenda Giannis Nancy Seccuro

Excused

Aaron Yanuzo

Guest

Cody Offen

Staff

Dan Swiger
Shelby Dillon

I. Meeting called to order

- Brad Merrifield called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, Tuesday, May 24 at Gatherings.

II. Review of Board of Directors April 2022 meeting minutes

- The April 2022 minutes were reviewed. Tina Shaw moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Sharon Swearingen. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

III. Treasurer's Report and 2022/2023 Budget

- The Treasurer's report was presented. Lewis Boyce and Dan Swiger presented the FY2022-2023 budget. No adjustments were made or suggested by the board.
- Laura Candell moved for the report and budget be approved as presented. Donna Blood seconded the motion. The report and budget were approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

IV. Executive Director's Report

- On-going Projects
 - The Discover the Friendly City 5K was canceled due to little registration.
 - Listing of the Citizen's Building - We now have the information necessary for the Broker to issue a Broker's Opinion of Value on the property.
 - Fundraising Activities - The Giving Campaign has officially ended with MSF bringing in a total of \$40,750 of donations. EQT may still be donating at a later date.
 - Flower Baskets have been installed around the downtown area.
 - The new owners of 219 Monroe have been working hard to get their new storefront ready. They were so pleased with MSF, that they referred a quilting business to contact us for help on moving to the downtown Fairmont area in early 2023.
- Outreach
 - The Executive Director has been meeting with multiple local organizations to represent MSF and our goals further. This includes:
 - Knights of Columbus
 - West Virginia Executive
 - Downtown Businesses – distributed a public Safety survey
- New Activities
 - Technical assistance offered by WV Main Street to Main Street businesses: Architect renderings for:
 - 219 Monroe Street façade
 - Simple Cutz façade
 - Preliminary designs of a public area to be located in the greenspace

- We are in discussions with WV Main Street regarding the funding for two videos. One would document the restoration of 219 Monroe Street and the cooperation between the owners Main Street Fairmont and other entities. The second video would highlight the activities that Main Street Fairmont does throughout the year to support our businesses.
- During the monthly partnership meeting with City Planning, more grant cooperation was discussed and a possible EPA grant opportunity to clean the Firehouse was also discussed.

V. Program Manager's Report

- Downtown Beautification Day
 - Veterans Plaza and the flower beds of the Madison Street parking garage were weeded and cleaned.
- Hometown Market
 - The May Hometown Market and Dancing in the Streets went off without a hitch.
- Governor's Honor Academy contacted MSF to see if Fairmont would be interested in partnering with their 2022 Summer class to have a new mural painted by the students. The idea of the Palatine crosswalk was presented and they were extremely interested. More information to come.

V. Old Business

- No old business was discussed.

VI. New Business

- To qualify for an EPA Cleanup Grant this fall, it may be necessary for Main Street Fairmont to take temporary ownership of the Firehouse located on Monroe Street. This grant would pay for clean up and remediation of lead and asbestos.
 - James Kane made a motion to give the Executive Director permission to negotiate and plan for temporary ownership of the Firehouse with the stipulation that the city pays any costs that Main Street Fairmont incurred as a result of the temporary ownership, including insurance, fire fees, and taxes. The motion was seconded by Laura Candell. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board of directors.
- Pending approval from the County Commission, Dan is suggesting we reallocate the funds from selling 219 Monroe to create a Façade Grant Program to give back to the businesses downtown.
 - Brenda made the motion that pending forgiveness from the County Commission, MSF would establish a Façade Grant program as outlined, with the year one cap of \$15,000 in grant awards..James Kane seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Alex Petry moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, by Joel Dugan. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board of directors at approximately 5:15PM.