

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2024**

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Diane Quinn (partial time), Rebecca Martin, Ed Hanlon, John Hassell, Marcy Logan, Lance Salonia, Justin Thornton

Not present: Susan Valaskovic, Patty Zweibel, Joe Caruso

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Marcy moved to approve the December minutes, John Hassell seconded, all in favor.

Discussion on Meeting Signage

The Board discussed the need to have the signs for the meeting reprinted because the language relating to the Connecticut Avenue Deckover implied that DCCA had a position against this project, which is not aligned with DCCA's stance. It was agreed that a new sign would be ordered, although it will require additional expense.

Action Items: Ed will eliminate the questioned language from the signage and cards and resubmit the print request. The program committee will discuss tech needs the following day and report back to Susan Volman.

Resolutions Party

Resolutions Party was well attended by DCCA Members and the event went well.

Treasurer's Report

Lance circulated the financial report before the meeting. He went over funds coming in and expenditures.

Budget

Susan displayed the previously circulated draft budget for discussion.

There was a discussion about how to better balance the budget. Susan reminded the board of the DCCA mission which encompasses more than regulatory work. There was agreement of that from other board members and some agreement around the need to shave the budget to better reflect current revenue.

Susan suggested a budget walk through. It was decided to make some changes to reduce the budget.

Marcy asked that we compare this budget with previous budgets in a chart form. Susan agreed to do this.

MOTION: John moved to approve the proposed budget, Ed seconded the motion, all in favor.

Action item: Susan will create a bar chart sometime in the future.

Formation of Nominating Committee

Susan reminds that the Board needs to establish a nomination committee. Technically, someone who is *not* up for election needs to chair the committee. John Hassell agrees to chair the committee. Justin offered to help as needed. Marcy and Susan have ideas to contribute.

*Action Item: Susan Volman will ask Susan Valaskovic to serve on the committee.
Board members should send John names or ideas for future board members.*

Spooky Action

The Spooky Action grant request and the further information we had requested was sent and distributed to all Board Members for review. The Board decided to hold discussion on it until next month so that Joe Caruso, who had specific questions, can be part of the discussion.

Keegan Grant

Ed asked to revisit the previously approved Keegan grant amount in light of cuts to the 2024 grants budget.

MOTION: Ed moved to reduce the Keegan grant to \$2,000 to leave more room in the grants budget for other organizations. Marcy seconded the motion, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be – Thursday February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.