

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay. Good evening, everyone. This is Mariya Hurwitz, president of the Sherman Library Board of Trustees. Today is Monday, May 9th, and this is the regular monthly board meeting for the Trustees. I call this meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Please remember to state your name before speaking and to use the raise your hand feature if you have a question or comment so I can call on you. I'm going to turn it over to Laura for items related to the meeting minutes.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Thank you, Mariya. Laura Jagodzinski. Jeff and Dee, thanks for reviewing this meeting's minutes. And as far as last month's minutes, if there are no objections, I move to approve the minutes from the April 18th meeting through unanimous consent. Any objections? So moved through unanimous consent and I'll turn it over to you, Mariya.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay, thanks. Mariya Hurwitz again. I make a motion to move into.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya Hurwitz. The time is 7:31 p.m. We've returned from executive session. We have one item to vote on, coming out of executive session regarding a trustee vacancy. So I'm going to make a motion now. So again, this is Mariya Hurwitz. I move to nominate Mandy Crossman to the Sherman Library Board of Trustees, effective May 10, 2022. Replacing the vacancy left by Rosemary D'Ostilio, who stepped out effective May 4, 2022. Do I have a second?

Dee Ratterree:

I have a [inaudible 00:00:44]down.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All right. All in favor? Okay. Unanimous. So moved. Thank you. Okay. All right. So, Henry, I'll leave it to you to reach out to Mandy. Thank you. All right, so we're going to move to the agenda, the rest of the agenda now. So we're starting with unfinished business today so that we can give John, who did not get enough time last meeting. So, John, I'm going to turn it over to you for a programming community survey.

Dee Ratterree:

Unmute.

John Ehrenreich:

Thank you. Okay, that's better. Okay, so we distributed the survey by email to everybody, and it's gone through several revisions of minor, mainly minor, points and some additions and so forth. And I don't know that we need to do anything more on the text at this point. The process that we have outlined goes like this, the survey will be administered through Survey Monkey, primarily, which is an online system where you just go to a URL and you click on responses. And there's also places for writing in comments of various sorts. Before it goes out, we need to advertise it, so that's one of the things that we need to talk about today.

John Ehrenreich:

The other is that there's one technical issue in dealing with the responses that I wanted to address. So, the issues about publicity, some of them are fairly obvious, emails to members, press release to newspapers, library newsletter, library website. There were a couple of things that the committee [inaudible 00:02:41] did not make sense. Although, in principle, they'd be possible. One was putting ads in the papers as opposed to a press release. And the other was sending out postcards to town residents. And in each case, we thought that just the cost-effectiveness wasn't there, that they're both laborious, in the case of the postcards, but also cost-

Dee Ratterree:

Expensive. Yeah.

John Ehrenreich:

... in both cases and the likelihood that they would add more than the one or two people to the pool is probably not very great. So we are recommending that we not do that. The one other thing that we thought we should explore is whether we could get a notice on Nixle, that town messaging system, which some other local organizations have been able to. So that's our basic proposal. Email to members, Nixle, if we can arrange it, press release, flyers, newsletter, and website. So the first thing I just wanted to see is if that's okay with people, whether they have thoughts about it, whether additions, subtractions?

Irit Granger:

This is Irit. The Nixle thing you're talking about, is that like when Don Lowe sends out a thing-

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah.

Irit Granger:

Oh, I think that's fantastic. Can we do that?

John Ehrenreich:

There have been a couple other times when town organizations of one sort, there've been announcements, so we just have to consult with Don to see whether-

Irit Granger:

Oh, I think that would be great.

John Ehrenreich:

But it does go to probably... residents.

Henry Cooperman:

You have to reach out to Bob Ostroski. Bob is who handles that.

John Ehrenreich:

Okay.

Mariya Hurwitz:

And Jamie's raising her hand, too. You're on mute, Jamie.

Jamie Cantoni:

Sorry. Jamie Cantoni. We currently have a voicemail out to Don Lowe about the women's soiree and about advertising library events on Nixle. I reached out to them, I guess, about a month ago regarding the town schedule, and they said that they will not advertise other organizations' events on the town calendar. But since then, there has been promotion of another organization's event in town through the Nixle, so I felt that it was appropriate to follow up and ask. So, when I hear from Don, I will also ask about the survey.

John Ehrenreich:

Other thoughts? If we do a flyer, it means that people have to agree to pick them up and go around to stores. There're not that many places in town. I don't think we need to do it outside of Sherman proper, but it's just a warning that if we're doing it that way, that we'll be asking people to pitch in.

Dee Ratterree:

I will. Selma. You there?

John Ehrenreich:

Yep.

Dee Ratterree:

Barb and Dee will do that.

John Ehrenreich:

Okay.

Laura Jagodzinski:

John?

John Ehrenreich:

Yep.

Laura Jagodzinski:

John? I agree with your plan. And certainly I would not do the, as you stated, I wouldn't do the ads or the postcards. I think your rationale makes sense. One other possibility is to use the sandwich board outside the library.

Jamie Cantoni:

Yeah.

John Ehrenreich:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). Sure. Good idea. I mean, Jamie, I assume that you are the one who puts notices up on that?

Jamie Cantoni:

I invite your help always.

John Ehrenreich:

Well, I don't know how it works. I mean, what the...

Laura Jagodzinski:

It's actually pretty simple, John.

John Ehrenreich:

Replaceable letters?

Jamie Cantoni:

I've got a lot of letters and characters and you can say whatever you want, and I'll help you carry it out.

John Ehrenreich:

Okay. No problem. Okay. The other issue is this, the actual format of the survey, as I said, is electronic. You click on a link or you go to a URL that we provide, and the survey opens up and you click on your answers. There will almost certainly be some people who don't feel comfortable with doing it online. So we have to come up with a way of, I think we want to discourage them not doing it online, but there still will be some people. So we need to come up with a way of either assisting them or of permitting them to do it in a paper and pencil form, and then some of us entering it into the online system or something like that. Yeah, Jamie.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Jamie?

Jamie Cantoni:

Sorry, I was on mute. I don't know that it is the solution, but it's a possible solution. I am reviewing applications for people who would like to be interns for the library for the summer. And this is one item that I have flagged that interns might be very helpful for. My idea is that they would be in the library for a certain amount of time, and someone who doesn't feel comfortable, for whatever reason, doesn't matter, they don't have to tell us, could come into the library and this person would interact with them and either take down their answers and then enter it into the computer, or sit with them and enter it into the computer in live time. So, it could be synchronous or asynchronous, but either way, that the survey gets gone through and then entered through the electronic medium.

John Ehrenreich:

I think that would be great. I have no idea how many of such surveys there're likely to be.

Jamie Cantoni:

Me neither.

John Ehrenreich:

But I guess, what we have to do is warn people that if that, I mean, that sounds like a great solution. If it turns out that there are a lot of them, we may have to talk about some other way of entering them. For somebody to enter them after the fact, that is not simultaneously, probably takes, I don't know, certainly under five minutes per item.

Jamie Cantoni:

Yeah, I was going to say three to five minutes per survey. But we could ask people to make an appointment and in the appointment time, we could build that in. That's just my idea. It's certainly open to revision.

Irit Granger:

Is there any point in printing one out and to be input later that they can complete by hand, so they don't have to make an appointment, they don't have to come back, they don't have to struggle.

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah, yeah. Then we would certainly do that. I mean, the two obvious options are either somebody sits with them and helps them enter it.

Irit Granger:

Yeah, I [inaudible 00:10:19].

John Ehrenreich:

The other, they do it manually and an intern or somebody else enters them onto the computer.

Irit Granger:

Yeah.

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah, Dee.

Dee Ratterree:

This is Dee Ratterree. Instead of appointments, can we not just say between 2:00 and 4:00 on, I don't know, John, you'll tell me how many, three consecutive Wednesdays, or on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of this week, there will be a person in the library to help you fill out the form, if you're not comfortable with the technology. And appointment's a pain in the butt for everybody. For one thing, who's going to keep account, you know?

Irit Granger:

And I think people that are not comfortable with technology are going to want to just put pen to paper, myself.

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura, did you have your hand... Oh, you took your hand down?

Dee Ratterree:

Say your name, say your name.

John Ehrenreich:

Barb has her hand up.

Barbara Ireland:

Barb. I had a thought. Maybe if we could print up, oh, like pieces of paper that we could pass out that would have the link to the survey. We could have a representative from the board go to the senior meeting and discuss the fact that we're going to do this survey, and that we would really like to have their input. And take the paper with the link to it, so that they can do it online if they choose to. And then if they don't want to, then we could tell them about when they could get help with someone from the library.

Barbara Ireland:

And then, also ask to get on the SPTL calendar for one of their meetings and do the same thing, where we talk about the fact that we want to do this survey. We want their input from that age group very much. And we would give them the copy of the link, or if they didn't want to do it, then tell them when they could come to the library and get help. Because those are two big organizations in town that I think that we would get a fair amount of good response from.

Dee Ratterree:

Good idea.

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah.

Dee Ratterree:

[inaudible 00:12:29]

Irit Granger:

Okay?

Henry Cooperman:

Lutz?

Irit Granger:

Hi, Caitlin. You look like you're going hunting.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

I just got home from a Yankee game.

Barbara Ireland:

Oh, dear. I got to go get my Red Sox shirt. Thanks.

Dee Ratterree:

Who won?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Because that's what they do.

Irit Granger:

When I lived in Boston. Those were the worst nights of the year were the Yankee/Red Sox games.

Barbara Ireland:

Oh, yeah. I'm sure.

Irit Granger:

Yeah.

Dee Ratterree:

Yeah. They were the most fun games to go to, though, when I lived in Boston.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Yeah, but why?

Irit Granger:

Yeah, except if you're trying to sleep.

Dee Ratterree:

Oh yeah, no. I wouldn't be trying to sleep, I'd be in the stands, throwing beer and shit.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

No, we were supposed to go Saturday and it got rained out. So we let the kids play hooky and we went today instead. It got rescheduled.

Dee Ratterree:

Who were they playing?

Caitlin Mandracchia:

They won. Texans.

Dee Ratterree:

Oh, nice.

Irit Granger:

They've been playing very well this year.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Texas Rangers, sorry.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All right, I'm going to refocus you guys. I'm sorry.

John Ehrenreich:

Okay, back to the-

Dee Ratterree:

[inaudible 00:13:42] sports stats.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura has her hand raised.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Thanks. It's Laura Jagodzinski. I just want to remind everybody to wait until you're called on to speak because only a few people on this call that know exactly what the transcript looks like when we do what we're doing. So please spare us all. So, thanks.

John Ehrenreich:

Okay. This is John. Any further suggestions or reactions or concerns? Okay, Jamie, I will talk with you about the process of setting up Survey Monkey, which is probably, in financial terms, we'll put off until the beginning of the fiscal year.

Jamie Cantoni:

Jamie Cantoni speaking. Great, John, that sounds wonderful. And I think it'll be easier than we anticipate, which is good.

John Ehrenreich:

Yeah, I think so. Okay, I'm done.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Oh, great. Thanks John. This is Mariya. So we're going to move on to the next item in the agenda. Laura, I think you just had a few words to say on liquor liability?



Laura Jagodzinski:

Thank you, Laura Jagodzinski. So I spoke with our insurance agent today. So, for the purpose of this meeting, the brief answer is we proceed as planned for the soiree and the golf outing. I will update the liquor liability memo and send that out for review. That's it, Mariya.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Thank you. All right. Mariya Hurwitz. All right. Next on the agenda, I want to talk about the library budget for the upcoming fiscal year. So, in the board package, you have two documents related to this. One is the original budget presented to the town that we had approved as a board. And the other is the final budget that shows what the town included in their budget for the town grant, that was approved, the town grant to the library, that was approved by the residents on April 30th at the vote. Okay?

Mariya Hurwitz:

You'll see there was a funding gap of \$9,580. So that's the amount that the town reduced their grant to us by. And I inserted it as a line item in the revenue section of the new budget. So I'm proposing that we fund this gap through the sale of stock, through proceeds from our Vanguard account. It's a modification to the budget we approved on January 19th, so we need to vote on this revised budget. And I was going to open it up to discussion by making a motion to approve this. I have a motion written out and then have somebody second it, and second it for discussion. Okay?

Mariya Hurwitz:

So, I move that we approve the revised budget as shown, with town funding of \$187,200 and proceeds from the sale of stock from Vanguard for \$9,580.

Dee Ratterree:

Second.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Second for discussion or second-

Dee Ratterree:

Second, second. Second.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay. Does anybody want to discuss? Barb would like to discuss. Go ahead, Barb. You're on mute, Barb.

Barbara Ireland:

How much is the stock worth? This is Barbara. I mean, how many shares do we have to sell? How many shares do we have?

Mariya Hurwitz:

Yeah. Henry, I mean, you can jump in. That's a hard question-

Henry Cooperman:

Yeah, so the next time the committee will meet, we'll bring it up and we'll see where we want to take it from. Right now is not an ideal time to be selling anything, but we'll look at that and presume it doesn't have to be sold tomorrow.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. That's correct. What we're doing by putting this line item in here is saying that if we don't have revenues that meet the budgeted expenses, perhaps fundraising goes up, perhaps we get more money from membership or donors. It authorizes us to fund the gap through the sale of stock from Vanguard.

Irit Granger:

So, it's an if and when. Irit. Okay.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura, were you... This is Mariya. Were you saying something?

Laura Jagodzinski:

It's Laura Jagodzinski. I said, it's a when.

Mariya Hurwitz:

It's a when, right.

Laura Jagodzinski:

It's a when. It's not an if, it's a when.

Barbara Ireland:

But yes... This is Barbara again. I agree because, as you said, if we do raise more revenue than what we think, we may not have to go for the full 9,000, maybe less. So that's contingent upon what else we do. But I was just curious, how many shares of stock we own and what they're worth. And we can do that at another meeting, that's fine.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. So Henry, maybe in the investment committee section, I don't know if you have the data in front of you. You might have some... I mean, we have holdings in many different funds and stocks, Barb.

Henry Cooperman:

Yes. Yeah. Again, this is Henry Cooperman. The committee would have to meet. We have about 20 different positions and we would have to see where we would want to sell it. And based upon that, we'll raise the \$9,000 that the library needs.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Henry, can other board members join your investment committee meeting to participate in that discussion?

Henry Cooperman:

It's not appropriate, but they can. We have... Mariya is on, Jeff Matusow, myself, Rich Linehan, and Steve Rafalk.

Barbara Ireland:

And Jill Finch. Isn't Jill Finch on, too?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Yes.

Henry Cooperman:

Yes. I said, Jeff.

Barbara Ireland:

Oh, I'm sorry. So this is Barbara again.

Mariya Hurwitz:

No, Jill, Jill Finch, she said, Henry. She said Jill Finch.

Henry Cooperman:

Oh yes, and Jill Finch. I apologize.

Barbara Ireland:

This is Barbara again. You would essentially come forward with a motion then on your own that would say how we're going to do this, from the investment committee. There would be the recommendation from the investment committee.

Henry Cooperman:

No. The board would come to us and ask us to raise \$9,000 whenever the board needs money. And we will raise the money accordingly. There's money sitting in a money market account. Jeff, do you have that in front of you, or handy?

Jeff Matusow:

I have to pull it up. I can.

Henry Cooperman:

Yeah. Yeah, so we have, I believe, about 50 or \$60,000 that's sitting in cash, that would probably be very easy to move the \$9,000 from. So we wouldn't necessarily have to sell anything.

Barbara Ireland:

Okay. All right. Thank you.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Any other questions, comments? Okay. Would you like me to read the motion again, or do I need to read the motion again? Okay. Can we vote on my motion, please? All in favor? Oh, let me turn my camera on. Unanimous. So moved. Jeff, was your hand raised? I'm sorry, I said unanimous. It was. Okay, thank you. Okay. All right. This is Mariya again. So, finally under unfinished business is the strategic plan. Team leads from each of the start plan teams received an email from me last week that contained one-page summary documents that Laura revised after our March board meeting.

Mariya Hurwitz:

So it was a one-page summary for each start plan. I also explained to the team leads the cadence for updating the board on strat plans going forward. Today, at this meeting, if the team leads feel they need to update or get feedback from the board on anything, they can use this time to do so. But moving forward, there will be quarterly updates by team leads in July, October, January, and April.

Mariya Hurwitz:

So, those quarterly updates will cover the prior three months of activity. So our next update will be at the July meeting, at which point the team leads will provide an update of activity through June, 2022, as well as mentioning any items that they need to carry forward to the new fiscal year strategic plan. So we had items that we had agreed on as teams and a board that were the goals for the year ending June of 2022. If any of those items, for whatever reason, didn't wrap up, we'll just move them. You'll have to just bring that to everybody's attention and we'll move it forward to the new fiscal year plan.

Mariya Hurwitz:

And you guys are responsible. And I mentioned this in the email as well. Team leads just need to keep those documents updated so that the secretary isn't doing that work for you guys. [inaudible 00:24:06] Do any of the team leads want to bring anything to anybody's attention on their specific team? All right, great. So, we'll talk about that again in July. All right, Mariya, again. We're going to move to the reports section of the agenda. J.E.

Barbara Ireland:

Laura had her hand up.

Irit Granger:

I'm so sorry.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Who had their hand up?

Irit Granger:

Laura.

Barbara Ireland:

Laura.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura. Go ahead, Laura.

Laura Jagodzinski:

I just wanted to say if anybody has any questions on the plans, your individual plans, please just give me a call since I formatted those. Okay? And pulled all the information together.

Dee Ratterree:

And thank you for doing that.

Barbara Ireland:

Yes, thank you.

Dee Ratterree:

Thank you, Laura. Okay, Mariya again. Reports section of the agenda. All right, starting with the first. Jamie submitted her director's report and her supporting information. First of all, Jamie, do you have anything to add to your report? You're on mute.

Jamie Cantoni:

Sorry. My apologies. Jamie Canton. Let's see. I have reached out to Don Lowe about the Nixle. Facilities, it doesn't technically fall under this report. It falls under next month, but we are going to have to discuss the HVAC system, unfortunately, as well as the ongoing issue with the outdoor lighting scenario. I follow up every week, and I have followed up every week, since the second week in December, when the project was supposed to be finished, with Marc Audette and our neighbor David who owns HVR? HVH? Right across the street.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Oh, is it SHS? What it's-

Jamie Cantoni:

Yes, SHS. And they refuse to finish the project. I cannot think of any other ways to escalate it. They have been paid. They were paid in December. I don't see how our money is any less valuable than any other client's money, but they feel that the library project is not as valuable as their other clients. And our patrons want to go back to in-person programming. We're heading into fundraising season. It's our first time going back to in-person fundraising in two years, and we really need there to be lights on at night, if people are leaving the library. So that is an ongoing issue that's been in my reports that I would like you to be very aware of. Yes, Irit-

Jeff Matusow:

How much-

Mariya Hurwitz:

Jeff?

Jeff Matusow:

How much well... I've had experience with Marc Audette, personally, and it's been pretty much same, is what you're talking about? So, unfortunately, I'm probably not the only one. I'm not surprised to hear it. So, is there an amount of money that we have paid that we could, I'm not saying we'd be successful, but try and get back and go find another contractor to finish the job, or is that tough to-

Jamie Cantoni:

I completely agree. At this point, I think that our only option, especially with, I mean, I'm not from Sherman. You guys are from Sherman. From what I've been told, the best option for the library would be to minimize optical damage and find a new contractor.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Irit?

Irit Granger:

I want to just first understand. Marc Audette has been paid in full, but has not finished the job. If I could have a more detail on that. I have a very good relationship with Marc Audette, and I think I could put a fire under his bottom, if it's a situation that needs his immediate attention. So you're saying we don't have lights on outside until Marc finishes the job?

Jamie Cantoni:

Right now, after three weeks of bugging him, he... Or no, I'm sorry. After a month and a half of bugging him, he gave us a workaround, but it is not the job that he was contracted to do or that he promised to do. And I-

Irit Granger:

Well, why don't I pop into the library tomorrow, Jamie, if that's okay with you, and you give me a little more info, because I can get him straight, I think.

Jamie Cantoni:

I am happy to, Irit. I have the future school this week, so I am actually working from home Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and I was hoping, hoping, to take Friday off, because I've been working over 60 hours a week for over three months and I just really need a day. But I will do whatever it takes-

Irit Granger:

If it's something you can email me, then email me something?

Jamie Cantoni:

Yeah, absolutely. I will do whatever it takes.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Caitlin.

Jamie Cantoni:

Thank you.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

This is Caitlin. Do you know... Jamie, I know you've been working with Katy Osborn on the book sale. Marc Audette's her father-in-law and her husband is his co-electrician, and my nephew is their apprentice. So I'm very surprised that with... I don't know, would it be right if I asked Katy to maybe speak with her husband, because he works with Marc, so he might not be aware. I mean, her husband's a lot more reasonable than he is. Is that all right if I reach out to her or ask my nephew?

Jamie Cantoni:

Absolutely. And if Katy would like more clarification, that's fine.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Okay.

Jamie Cantoni:

I'm happy to talk to whomever. But this is just something that Ashley wanted done in December. It's May.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Yeah. I'm more than happy to-

Irit Granger:

Yeah, I think he's someone you got to chase, because as all these contractors are.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Yeah. I mean, my nephew works with them and Katy is one of my best friends. I... happily ask her about it and see if she can talk to her husband instead of Marc to see-

Jamie Cantoni:

Absolutely. That would be wonderful.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Okay.

Jamie Cantoni:

Thank you all so much. Unfortunately, there's another, well a facilities issue. So we've discussed our HVAC system at length, and Dave Adams was very kind to come out and give us a second opinion. And after the board made a decision regarding replacing the electrical board on the HVAC system, Luke Chapps, who's our technician did that and found that the compressor had also failed. And so, this is

undesirable, but it's not for naught. So, when the compressor fails on an HVAC unit, you also have to replace the electrical board.

Jamie Cantoni:

And Luke said, "Well, it's really strange. These other folks that you had from BD," which is Becton, Dickinson, which don't service the type of unit that we have, which is LG. "... When they replace the compressor, they didn't replace the electrical board." So, Luke has been very, and always is very, honest with us that he'd like to go with the lowest cost fix and go from there, but that there may always be additional failures or costs.

Jamie Cantoni:

And so, he said, "I replaced the electrical board. It didn't fix the problem, but the good news is, even though the compressor does need to be replaced, at least you don't need to replace the compressor and the electrical board." And I said, "Well, that's very nice. I'm not sure my board's really going to see that as good news, because it's very expensive. But thank you." And so, I bring that to you. And I'm sorry, I wish I could just say, "Yay, our HVAC is fixed."

Mariya Hurwitz:

Jamie? Jamie, excuse me, this is Mariya. And I know we actually had this, we had this later on, on the agenda. Laura, is it okay if we bring this up here? Okay. So, one question I did have in, and I don't, hopefully the board did catch that they got an email shortly before the meeting started, that contained the two quotes that we had gotten from Luke Chapps back in February. One question I had, so we obviously went with the first option, initially, right?

Jamie Cantoni:

Mm-hmm.

Mariya Hurwitz:

And so, we have the board that we need, but now we're going with the second option. So how much is going to come off that second quote because we already have the board? The quote is 39,000, but presumably some of that is the... is the, oh, actually, now I'm looking at it. Maybe his assumption was that if he did have to... the unit, we already had bought the board? I don't know. I just need you to help us through that, because I'm not sure if we're voting on 39,000 or something less.

Jamie Cantoni:

That's a great question, and I am glad to reach out to Luke for that. The board was just over 2,500, but I am glad to reach out to him and have that clarified for the board.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Thanks. Sorry, Laura, I see your hand raised. This is Mariya. I just want to... So, the issue is that the quote where we, that had just the board on it also had some labor. So I don't think it's like we can take that entire amount and assume that was the value of the board and deduct that from the cost of replacing the unit. So, I was thinking that maybe we would have to make a, if we want to take advantage of us all being here today and vote that we would vote to approve an expenditure not to exceed the 39,582. I wasn't sure any other way to approach it. Laura, what was your comment?



Laura Jagodzinski:

I was just going to say that if we're going to take... I thought it was fine to have the discussion, but when it comes to taking the vote, I think that needs to be done under new business.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay. All right. Thank you. Any other questions on this topic? Barb. Just please come off mute, Barbara.

Barbara Ireland:

Henry, can this be considered a capital item?

Henry Cooperman:

This is Henry Cooperman-

Barbara Ireland:

The new compressor.

Henry Cooperman:

I would believe that it would be a capital item.

Barbara Ireland:

Okay.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. Yes, it's definitely capital.

Barbara Ireland:

Okay. Thank you.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Any other questions, comments? Okay. When we get down to new business, we'll bring it up again. If anybody's thought of any questions, after I make the motion, we can address them then. Again, Laura submitted a secretary report, including a one-pager summarizing at a high level, the secretary key tasks. Laura, did you have anything to add?

Laura Jagodzinski:

I do not.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Any questions for Laura? Henry has submitted a treasurer report, an investment committee report and a nominating committee report. Henry, do you have anything to add to any of those three?

Henry Cooperman:

No, not at this time.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Does anybody have any questions for Henry on any of those three reports? Okay. Laura, back to you. You submitted a fundraising committee update with a lot of information on our upcoming events. Do you have anything additional to add?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Yes.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Go ahead.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Since I have the floor and I will try to make this as quick as I can. This is just another opportunity for me to ask for help. So, first on an update, we've sold 31 tickets so far. I will ask the board again to continue pushing to sell your tickets. If you haven't picked up your tickets, if you're not able to get to the library to pick them up, please text me. I will pick them up and deliver them to your house or wherever you want me to deliver them to.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura, this is Mariya. I sold five tickets. I just have to turn them back in with the cash to the library.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Excellent. That's my next point. So, for those of you who have sold your tickets, please get them into the library. And if we can, do them by Friday. Traditionally, our sales are slow in the beginning and then they grow, but we really need your help to push that out. Particularly since we've had a conflict to the day of the soiree. It's really going to require us an extra push. There's a band concert, so all the moms and maybe grandmas and aunts will be at a school band concert. Yes, Jamie?

Mariya Hurwitz:

Jamie.

Jamie Cantoni:

Jamie Cantoni. I just want to say, as someone who has done extensive fundraising during COVID, that COVID presents even more anxiety and hurdles and uncertainty, as you would imagine, than normal during fundraising. So, a lot of folks tend to wait until the last minute to buy their tickets anyway. That's even exacerbated in our current environment. So, as any of you who have ever chaired a fundraising event know, that's very stressful and this is just a compounded, unnecessary stress. So it's really tough to throw a fundraiser when you can't even close to anticipate numbers until three days beforehand. And so, anything and everything you can do is so incredibly appreciated for all of our fundraisers, not just the soiree.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Thanks, Jamie. The other thing, Lauren sent an email out to all the trustees. So, I ask you all to think about what you can contribute, either buy or make, but bring, to the soiree. Mentioning COVID, not

having a buffet creates a lot more challenges. So whereas, we could have people bring in. We used to have two whole salmon. Now we're dealing with bite-size handheld foods, and it takes a lot more pieces.

Laura Jagodzinski:

And just in terms of, you might find this interesting, for 150 people, we're talking recommended, they say around eight bites per person, that's 1,200 pieces of food. If we have 12 people volunteering, we're talking a hundred pieces per person. So, we currently have, Lauren, I think about 14 people. So if we can double that number, that would be helpful for everybody. So, just see what you can do. If you have any questions, Lauren, I'm just going to have folks reach out to you for ideas, assistance. Is that okay? I guess that's okay, Lauren.

Lauren Kenny:

Yes. Thank you.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Okay. And I want to thank everybody who's already responded for helping us set up. We've got a lot of volunteers. I will pull all that information together. Jamie and I will work out... Because in some places we have more people than we need. So, I will get back to everybody with confirmations on times and things like that. Based on the volunteers, we will be able to hold Bags and Baubles on Sunday. So Dee, Barb, Mariya, thanks for volunteering. We'll be able to do, have at least a half a day's of sales for the soiree. And we still need another bartender and servers. So please think about... An update from Jamie. Yes, Jamie?

Jamie Cantoni:

I currently have a call out to Don Lowe, our First Selectman, or your First Selectman, about being a bartender for the soiree. Because it's really exciting that this is the first year that, even though it's the women's soiree, that we're inviting men to participate, and I've also invited all of our pages. And I'm still waiting to hear back from James Swan and Mateo Ordinas-Lewis. So, knock on wood, we might not need as many volunteers as we think.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. I went through my contact list, I texted every mom that has teenage girls and boys that I know. So I'm trying to recruit high-school-aged teenagers to help out as well.

Laura Jagodzinski:

That's it for me, Mariya. Thank you.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Great. Does anybody have questions regarding fundraising? Henry?

Henry Cooperman:

[inaudible 00:44:06]

Mariya Hurwitz:

Henry.

Henry Cooperman:

I just actually wanted to bring up the fact that the Memorial Day Parade, I believe, is on Sunday the 29th this year.

Laura Jagodzinski:

That's correct.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Mm-hmm, mm-hmm. So that should be great... This is Mariya. Great traffic. Irit.

Irit Granger:

I wanted to ask Caitlin about Duck Fest, and especially in light of Rose departure from the board.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Yeah. I had a very long phone call with her this week, and we talked about Duck Fest. She promised me that she wasn't deserting me entirely. I'm not worried. I've talked to a couple other parents at the Sherman School that said that they would like to be involved. And I spoke with Christy Seewagen, who might be an incoming board member at some point, and she said she would be into helping. So I think we'll be okay. I had talked to Roe, she had sent, I think, Laura to you, her report, but she didn't send it to me. And she read it to me and there were some things that weren't quite right on it. And she said she sent it to me and the email body as empty as I'm reading it now.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

So I can't quite remember what wasn't accurate, but I think it was the fact that we were going to have it on Veteran's Field, but that was never the case. It's the same day as the softball tournament, which I think will be great, because parents will be able to visit the softball tournament, but then head up to the school grounds for the Duck Fest. I've talked to Courtney Onofer, who's the school secretary. We have the date locked down. Jamie, she said it was fine that the insurance... It's fine, I can just give her the paperwork. And then when it's time for the insurance to be closer to the event, then she said she'll grab it then. But we have the grounds.

Jamie Cantoni:

Good.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

And that's pretty much it so far. I can't remember what she had told was in her report.

Laura Jagodzinski:

I'll text it to you.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Okay, thank you.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Sure.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

But I think that's it for now. She looked up several food truck options and they all were booked, all the good ones that she thought would be good for kids were booked. So, I'm really trying to think of different avenues for food. Irit?

Irit Granger:

I have a client who has a food truck.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Yeah?

Irit Granger:

Shall I ask her if she's interested? What's the date again of the Duck Fest?

Caitlin Mandracchia:

It's September 10th. Do you know what kind of food it is?

Irit Granger:

She'll do what you want.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Oh, okay. I was never fully into the food truck idea. I know it had been. I want to try to think about other ideas that I think could make us more money. But yeah, if she would be into it and she's available that day, I'd love to speak with her.

Irit Granger:

Okay. I'll send you her details.

Caitlin Mandracchia:

Thank you. Okay, here we go.

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. Are there any other fundraising questions, comments? Lauren.

Lauren Kenny:

This is Lauren Kenny. I wanted to update everyone on the golf tournament. So tickets are for sale on the website. I don't know how many have been sold yet. We have posted flyers around town and we are starting to get donations of foursomes to auction off after the tournament, which we did previously, which is how we make the most money. We get between 400 and a thousand dollars for foursome,

which is just donated. They cost the golf course nothing to give it to us. So if anyone knows anyone who belongs to any private club that can ask for a donation...

Al Kenny:

Yeah. Just so you know, it doesn't cost them anything. And it doesn't matter where the course is. Could be on long island, it could be anywhere. So, people will travel to go to a nice golf course. And for the golf club itself, all they're really doing is letting somebody play on your lawn, it doesn't cost them anything. So unlike sometimes when you go and ask people to donate something and it physically costs them something, and these, it doesn't cost them anything.

Al Kenny:

And normally, the people that are playing will stop for lunch or dinner. So they'll actually make something on it. But I mean, we've gotten as much as a thousand dollars for a foursome at a decent course. So, I know a lot of you don't play golf, but if you just happen to know someone who is a member of a private country club and could just ask them a lot of times, it's "Yeah, no problems." It's not a big deal at all. So, right now, I have no idea if we have anybody signed up or not.

Al Kenny:

I mean, there's a lot of last-minute signups at this, but I'm hoping that since we had a good showing last year, that the people that were there last year will be there this year. The only thing I have a question for everybody is, does anybody feel that this whole issue with the masking and COVID would cause some people... I mean, I know one couple that said their daughter, son or whoever, daughter, was told to put on a mask, nastily, at the library. But is there any other reason why people that joined last year wouldn't join?

Irit Granger:

You mean because of COVID?

Al Kenny:

Well, because I don't know because they're mad at the library for some reason. No? Okay.

Irit Granger:

This is Irit. Not that I know of. I'm surprised and taken aback by the question, actually.

Al Kenny:

Well, as we know that one of... We know one-

Lauren Kenny:

We did receive an email from, I don't know his name.

Al Kenny:

With Jennifer's-

Lauren Kenny:

Jennifer Freed's husband.

Al Kenny:

... that said he wasn't going to go this year because their child was yelled at-

Irit Granger:

Oh, that was that same person. Yeah.

Al Kenny:

Yeah, yeah. So, I just didn't know if there's anything else out there. But I would expect that everybody to joined last year would join this year. And we moved it up to June because there were a bunch of people that I know, especially from Quaker Hill, that were on vacation. So I'm going to be going to the bank tomorrow, Webster Bank, to see if I can get them to do some larger sponsorship. And I'm also going to, I have a Tuesday night men's league at Quaker Hill Country Club, and we'll be bringing it up to them. It's already in the locker room, but I need to nudge them a little bit to join. Yes, Irit?

Irit Granger:

I got a commitment from River Oaks for a foursome. And I also sent Henry of the Old Oak. I'm hoping he'll repeat his two-hole sponsors. And, of course, I have to drop off my check for the putting contest sponsorship, but I'll do that this week.

Al Kenny:

Yeah. I mean, me the same.

Lauren Kenny:

So, we also need volunteers for the day of the event. Last year weren't as many and we could have it a little bit better organized if we have a few extra volunteers.

Al Kenny:

Yeah, there's not... do, except for example, when we were doing the auction. Now, this year, I think Jamie had a good idea, which was to do, I'll get you the second, Jamie, which is to have numbered cards with people's names on them. Last year, we thought we missed one, "Who bought that one?" Was so much going on at the time, we thought we lost out. It's just checking people in, keeping track of some things, maybe helping her read with the putting contest. It's a relaxing job for anybody that volunteers. Yes, Jamie.

Jamie Cantoni:

Yeah. So, I actually am really excited about this event, and I'm really looking forward to working with you guys on this, and I have a lot of ideas. And I actually have a few things that I've explored that I want to float out to you, but I don't know that this is necessarily the date and time to do it. But please, and I know you might be feeling that I haven't been as supportive and helpful as I might possibly be, and I feel the same way, towards the golf event, but it is of a very high priority to me. And I want to make this a huge success. And let's figure out how we can work together and deal with all of these things that aren't necessarily board meeting issues, and then we'll bring it out to people later.

Barbara Ireland:

We'll set up a meeting.

Al Kenny:

Yeah, I mean, the-

Jamie Cantoni:

Absolutely. Yeah. It's-

Al Kenny:

I want to say, so one thing we could definitely use is, just every Friday, send us a report just telling us who's signed up so far? Did we get anybody signing up?

Jamie Cantoni:

We have five people that have signed up. One is not a player, they're just a sponsor. One person has bought, well, actually two different people have bought twosomes. So that counts for four of the people. And then one person purchased a single ticket. But again, this isn't really the format to be... Let's connect. We totally need to do that. And yes, but-

Al Kenny:

Yeah. Right.

Jamie Cantoni:

... not now.

Al Kenny:

The only thing I wanted to say to everybody is that this is a nerve-wracking event. You can do really well-

Jamie Cantoni:

Absolutely.

Al Kenny:

... but we also guarantee a certain number of players. And if we don't get them, we have to pay for them anyway. So it could go from a moneymaker to a money loser pretty quickly. So, all we need to do is get the word out and get people that you know that joined last year to join, and then a couple extra, and it'll be really successful. So I'm confident we'll-

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura? Oh, sorry. I'm sorry,

Al Kenny:

... problem.



Mariya Hurwitz:

Sorry, Al.

Irit Granger:

Yeah, I got a \$750 sponsorship for a twosome. So, I'm trying, I'm trying, guys.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Laura?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Lauren, if you would consider sending out an email. I know in your update, you had what you needed, the volunteers. The email that I sent out, it was fantastic. Because I will tell you that I've been really concerned about getting all of the volunteers we need for the soiree and the response was excellent. So, that particular process worked really well for me.

Lauren Kenny:

Okay. I'll do that. Thank you.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Barb? You're still on mute, Barb.

Lauren Kenny:

On mute, Barb.

Barbara Ireland:

I said, unfortunately I can't play this year because I just had my knee replaced-

Laura Jagodzinski:

Aww.

Barbara Ireland:

... but I can work. I'm sure that I can come and help.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Okay, great.

Barbara Ireland:

Al, I didn't know if you wanted me to touch base with Ashley or if you wanted to talk to her for a minute. I think I told you. When I went into the Webster Bank last year and asked for a sponsorship, they said they were working with Ashley on something. And they said they probably would be willing to do it, but they needed a letter from her. And so, I went up to Ashley and she said, "Well," she said, "They're really doing a big favor for us in another way."

Barbara Ireland:

She said, "I'm not sure I want to ask them for this sponsorship." And I said, "Well, why don't you think about it? And once you've decided what you want to do, we'll either ask them for it or we won't." Well, she thought about it and she worked it out with them and we did get just \$125. But I don't know if that situation is still the same or not. And I don't know if Jamie knows anything about what that was that they were doing for us that was more money than that.

Lauren Kenny:

This is Lauren. Was it possibly because she was getting them to sponsor something for the Duck Fest?

Barbara Ireland:

I don't know.

Lauren Kenny:

Oh.

Barbara Ireland:

Might've been. I don't-

Mariya Hurwitz:

This is Mariya. I do think that's what it was. She had already approached them for another event.

Al Kenny:

But I mean, I look at them as really the only business in town that's really not a town business. So I just look at them as having much deeper pockets than anybody else we could go to. So, I'm going to let them tell me that they can't do it for some reason, but I'm going to definitely go after it for a bigger sponsorship.

Barbara Ireland:

Well, we may not have asked them about sponsorship for the Duck Fest yet. I don't know. But I agree with you, I think, and they could do both, probably. I don't see why they couldn't. They did last time, obviously.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All right, this is Mariya. Can I just make a motion that we table the rest of our fundraising conversation and move on with our agenda?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Okay.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Thank you. John, you submitted a programming committee update. We already discussed your survey earlier in the meeting. Do you have anything to add here?

John Ehrenreich:

Nothing else.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Are there any questions for John? Okay. Let's move on to new business. All right, the first item is a COVID update. The notes submitted in the board package clearly spell out what we need to vote on. The COVID advisory group is recommending option A. There are two options. So I'm operating on the assumption people read the board package. I'm going to make a motion to approve option A, and then, hopefully, someone will second it for discussion. And then we can have a discussion and then vote. Okay?

Mariya Hurwitz:

I move to... This is Mariya Hurwitz. I move to define proof of vaccination for attendance at the May 27th soiree event to be option A, as follows. Proof of vaccination may be an original document or paper copy or photo image. Proof of a negative test may be a printed or photo image of a negative result, from a self-administered test or from a test provider. Do I have a second for discussion?

Dee Ratterree:

Second, second.

Irit Granger:

Aye.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Let's open it up for discussion. Any questions? Any comments? I'm scrolling through the screens, I do not see any hands. So, I am going to ask that we take a vote. All in favor of option A wording, please raise your hand. I'll turn off...

Speaker X:

[inaudible 00:59:44]

Mariya Hurwitz:

Turning on my camera as well. Laura, let us know when you're good.

Irit Granger:

You're on mute.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Okay. Give me a second, Mariya.

Mariya Hurwitz:

No problem.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Okay. You're going to need... There was one that was not, that didn't have their hand raised. Oh, everybody's got their hand raised. It's unanimous.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All right. All in favor, so moved. Thank you. Okay, next on the... Mariya Hurwitz again. Next on the agenda is voting on the HVAC compressor replacement. We discussed this earlier as part of the director's report. Jamie also distributed the quote from Luke, which was provided again this evening via email. We do have to vote on it on spending the money on this expenditure.

Mariya Hurwitz:

I know we had a discussion previously. It felt like the discussion had wound down and there were no more questions. Has anybody come up with anymore questions, comments on the topic? Okay. The motion that I wrote, I worded it in such a way that we will authorize a capital expenditure of no more than the 39,582, which was Luke's original quote. My assumption being that it should not be higher than that, because it should in fact be lower since we already purchased the board. That would naturally be part of the cost.

Dee Ratterree:

Mariya, I just lost you.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Mariya, can you go on audio only?

Henry Cooperman:

We all lost Mariya.

Irit Granger:

Yeah, Mariya.

Barbara Ireland:

She's frozen.

Irit Granger:

You're frozen.

Dee Ratterree:

Good movie. Bad look for this.

Laura Jagodzinski:

Give me a second. Let me text Mariya.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay.

Laura Jagodzinski:

There she is.

Mariya Hurwitz:

I went off video. Can you guys hear me now?

Laura Jagodzinski:

Yes.

Dee Ratterree:

Yeah.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay. Right. ... much of what I said was caught. But my motion's going to say to spend no more than... with the assumption that it should come in less, because we already bought the board a couple months ago. Okay?

Dee Ratterree:

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Mariya Hurwitz:

So, Mariya Hurwitz, I move to authorize the capital expenditure of no more than \$39,582 for the replacement of the HVAC CU-1 unit. Funding will be provided through the liquidation of assets in the Vanguard account. Can I have a second or a second for discussion?

Dee Ratterree:

I second.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Okay. Thank you, Dee. All in favor?

Laura Jagodzinski:

All approved.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All right. So moved. Thank you, everybody. All right, Mariya Hurwitz. That brings us to the end of our agenda. So I move to adjourn this meeting at 8:34 p.m. Do I have a second?

Dee Ratterree:

Yes. Please.

Mariya Hurwitz:

All in favor? All right, the meeting is adjourned 8:34 p.m. Thank you, everybody.

John Ehrenreich:

Bye, everybody.

Dee Ratterree:

... you.

Mariya Hurwitz:

Night everybody.