

**Hiltonia Association General Meeting  
Minutes**

**November 12, 2019  
7:00 PM  
Home of Kathleen Eckert**

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey. There were 16 residents in attendance.

Members heard a presentation by city resident Bill Valocchi about "Porchfest," a community-based, free music and arts celebration that is taking place in city neighborhoods around the country. He said it's a way to bring communities together and to showcase neighborhoods. It's an all-volunteer event, typically running about four hours. He noted about \$2,000 would be needed for things like tee shirts, flyers, neighborhood maps, and advertising. This could be raised via sponsorships.

Jeannie Weakliem offered to head an ad hoc committee to explore having a Porchfest in Hiltonia in June.

**1) Minutes:** Minutes from the September 11, 2019, meeting were approved by voice vote.

**2) Treasurer's Report:** Barry Giordano presented. As of September 30, the Association checking account balance was \$1,945.33. The House Tour savings account had \$2,750.96, and the Certificate of Deposit had \$5,304.67 for a grand total of \$10,000.96.

**3) Committee Reports (oral reports)**

**A. Civic:** Paulette Ayres said there had been no CPAC meetings to report on.

**B. Publicity:** Linda Reid said she has volunteers to deliver copies of the Hilltone and party flyers.

**C. Membership:** Donnie Johnson reported that there were three memberships paid for 2020.

**D. Social: Children's:** Kathleen Coughlin reported the Halloween party had to be cancelled (weather).  
**Adult:** Lori Emmerson said she had created a sign-up spreadsheet for anyone willing to host a First Friday or neighborhood brunch going forward.

**E. Hospitality:** Georgia Wallar is looking for a host for the January 14 meeting. June Guerrero (Welcome Wagon) said she has put together goodie bags to welcome new neighbors.

**F. Worthy Projects:** Maureen Lebel announced that Meals on Wheels of Mercer County and Ellarslie Museum would be this year's recipients of the Association's Worthy Projects donations. As in previous years, members can add their own donations and the Association will match each, up to \$250.

**G. Communications:** Kathi Eckert noted there was a December 4<sup>th</sup> deadline for the Hilltone, which would be coming out on December 15.

**H. Cadwalader Park Projects:** Becky Taylor said the most recent pathway clean up included volunteers from the Trenton High School cross country team. She is hoping that more students join volunteers for future clean ups/restorations.

#### **4) Unfinished Business**

*Neighborhood Signs-* Dennis said that two neighborhood watch signs had been installed and that other spots are being sought for the placement of additional signs.

*Constitution and Bylaws Review-* Ali Wilson has agreed to read through the Constitution and Bylaws with an eye towards redlining items that need to be revised.

#### **5) New Business**

Linda Reid, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the officers slate for 2020:

Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey-Co-Presidents  
Jeannie Weakliem-First Vice President  
Ali Wilson- Second Vice President  
Barry Giordano-Treasurer  
Melinda Chance-Recording Secretary  
Michael Nalbone- Corresponding Secretary

There were no other nominations from the floor. The slate will be voted on at the January meeting. All members must have their 2020 dues paid in order to vote.

**Next General Meeting:** January 14, 2020; TBA

#### **Additional Information**