



Board Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022

The Friendship Community Group (FCG) held its April 2022 meeting LIVE at Baum Grove. A quorum was present. The following Board members were in attendance: Logan Burdwood (VP), Joe Mattis, Tom Youngs (Treasurer), Carla Lukehart, Nancy Cohen (Secretary), Emily George, Elizabeth Reitz, RJ Huebert, Colleen Potanko, and Brad Wyland. Regrets from Sara DeLucia and Diana Toole.

Logan Burdwood, FCG Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Logan welcomed all attendees.

FCG Committee Updates

Friendship Flower and Folk Festival (F4)

The F4 festival was brought up. Logan asked for an opinion on having a Porta John. No decision was made. Nancy mentioned directing people to Aldi. Logan mentioned that he had a probable source for music and sound. Besides food and flowers, there were not going to be many other vendors. Most attendees agreed that "folky" local artists would be welcome to set up a table and no fees should be charged. Flower orders would be sorted Saturday of the Festival. Penelope Morrison is coordinating volunteers for the Festival and her call for volunteers email was forwarded by Joe to several attendees. Logan mentioned that he was going for a Block Party permit to block one street only (Roup). Elizabeth talked about a raffle station for ticket sales and the need for things to raffle off. Tom Youngs said he will make sure to have enough cash boxes and credit card swipes for all the stations needed. Logan mentioned the need for volunteers to help clean up Baum Grove.

Zoning and Development

Emily stated that Enright Park needs completion and will follow up with the city. Someone mentioned that it might be helpful if a letter of support was drafted for the new Pittsburgh Glass Center for grant support. Emily mentioned that the empty lot at the corner of Penn and Negley would probably have a bank built on it. Baumhaus 2 looks like it will have 189 units.

Baum Grove

Logan mentioned that the trees at Baum Grove were trimmed. A contract was given to FCG by East End Cooperative Ministries to mow the grass at Baum Grove. Logan made a motion to approve the acceptance of the contract and Tom Youngs seconded it. Motion passed. Nothing is definite yet about the backflow device needed at Baum Grove. More estimates might be needed. Lights there were also discussed. Logan said he was trying to keep them out of the trees. Carla mentioned funds needed to purchase plant plugs for landscaping and bids for them.

Outreach

Several people acknowledged the good work Larry Laude has done on our website and the plant sale. Tom Youngs mentioned that the city had reached out to attend FCG meetings. He stated that it would be helpful to have an in with the city.

Miscellaneous

Someone mentioned a joint Board meeting with the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation. Logan said it will be looked into.

FCG has a station for the Marathon. Details as to location etc. should be available by April 15.

Emily also stated that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 17 for all ages at the Montessori School.

Future Meetings and Adjournment

Logan adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Joe Mattis.

Nancy Cohen
Secretary, Friendship Community Group

These minutes were approved at the May 11, 2022 Board of Directors meeting