

**Lower Merion Historical Society
Minutes of Annual Board Meeting
Lower Merion Academy
Sunday, April 28, 2013**

Present: Jerry Francis, Pete Hoskins, Ken Brier, Sam Adenbaum, Joanne Murray, Bobbie McElroy, Max Buten.

Excused Absences: Sarah Francis, Leon Levine, Steve Selinger.

Jerry Francis called the meeting to order at 11:30, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Minutes of the January 22, 2013 Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Special Note: Immediately prior to the start of the meeting, Bruce Reed sent the following email:

“Jerry, I am writing to submit my resignation from the Lower Merion Historical Society Board of Directors, effective immediately. I congratulate you on what has been a longer tenure of accomplishment, and I hope it continues in the future.

I have just sent a copy of my mark-up of the proposed lease with the Cynwyd Station Cafe and Tea Room to Sam Adenbaum in his capacity as Treasurer, as I think it will be essential that an independent member of the Board of Directors conduct any further negotiations of that lease. I have copied Ken Brier and Joanne Murray on that e-mail as members of the Board with whom I had spoken about this matter. I am copying each of them on this e-mail. Bruce”

This news lead to a discussion and a course of action by the Board:

1) Ken Brier volunteered to approach Bruce and to ask him to re-consider his resignation and to encourage him to re-join the Board.

2) Regarding the Cynwyd Station Café and Tea Room lease, the following motion was made a voted on: *“Form a committee chaired by Treasurer (Sam Adenbaum) and to include Ken Brier to consider and to negotiate a proposal for lease of the first floor of the Cynwyd Station by Sarah Francis. Such proposal will be presented to the full board for its consideration and approval.”*

Opening Remarks: Jerry commented on these topics.

- Now is the time to **re-group**, to **re-organize** and to **plan** for our future.
- Strategic Planning Session, Saturday, Feb 9th with Jack Ricchiuto of *AgileFuture*.
- *Community Needs Survey* – via *SurveyMonkey* in our March and April eNewsletter *Milestones*.

Board Elections - the following slate was voted on and elected:

Officers (2 year term):

President – Gerald A. Francis

Treasurer – Sam Adenbaum

Corresponding Secretary – Steve P. Selinger
Recording Secretary – Barbara McElroy

Directors for the Class of 2016 (3 year term):

Max Buten, Pete Hoskins, Leon Levine

Treasurer Reports – Sam Adenbaum

- *2012 Financial Review* (forthcoming, will be available at our June Board Meeting)
- *2013 Annual Budget* (presented and approved)
- *March 31, 2013 Statement of Financial Position* (presented and approved)

Old Business:

Concerning the *Lower Merion Academy*

- * *Historical Society of Pennsylvania Collection* Evaluation (report by Max Buten)
- * Website Development via WordPress (report by Joanne Murray)

Concerning the *Cynwyd Train Station*: Jerry commented on these topics.

- * Capital Campaign (*Cynwyd Train Station Revitalization Project*) is now OVER.
(cf. *Eye on Lower Merion* #172 *Cynwyd Train Station*, March 2013, LMTV).
- * Working with SEPTA and the Township on the *punch list* to close the project.
- * *Kickstarter Campaign* netted over \$5,200.
(cf. *Main Line Times*, April 21, 2013, “Cynwyd Train Station Project Gets Kickstart” page B2).
- * Status of *Preserve America Grant* signage and website.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00pm and moved to the Cynwyd Train Station for an Open House and to the Cynwyd Station Park for the First Annual Craft Fair and (mostly) Native Plant sale.

The Next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Lower Merion Academy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Francis