

Beebe Estate Meeting –Beebe Estate Trustees

April 6, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jessica McKenna (co-president), Betsy Friedberg, Sean Heneghan, Tarica Leskiw

Meeting called to order by Jess McKenna at 7:55 p.m.

Trustee appointments went to City Hall on April 4. All trustees were reappointed, for one-year terms until February 28, 2023.

Rentals are going well. The house is completely booked for May and June.

The bill for the new boiler was submitted--\$15,398 plus city labor.

Dafne has started as cleaner but has not yet submitted an invoice.

Laurel Garden has submitted a bill for tending the beds and general spring services. The invoice is not entirely clear—seems we are being asked to pay half of the total contract. Tarica will note on the invoice that this is not clear.

Spring cleanup has occurred and now DPW needs to put down mulch as soon as possible. Last year too much time elapsed and a lot of weeds took hold before the mulch went down.

There is still an issue with keys. Bill's Lock & Key has not yet come to look at the locks. Not clear how Council on Aging staff are gaining access to the building, as the front door lock did not seem to work (or at least, the key did not work when Betsy tried to get access recently).

Milano Center is still closed, but should be reopening soon. It appears that they are no longer holding any activities at the Beebe.

Note that Milano rental rates have gone up—now \$250 for three hours.

Rug problems. Still waiting to hear back from Landry and Arcari. They had suggested that we move the rug ourselves, but we would prefer that someone come from L&A to reposition the rug for us.

Music Together/Joyful Music has notified trustees that they would like to resume classes. Two classes will be held on the lawn on Tuesday mornings, starting on April 12, and they will only be inside on rainy days. They should be paying the full usual rental rate. We will need to renew their lease agreement. They had resumed class in fall 2021, one class held outdoors only (virtual in bad weather) at the rate of \$25/hour (\$250). Joyful needs to write a check for the fall class and a second one for spring 2022. Jess will reach out to her to tell her we need payment for both fall and spring. Also, we will need to let the DPW know that the class will be held on Tuesday mornings outside so that they don't schedule mowing etc. during that time. Jess will contact the DPW.

Jess will also ask the DPW about when we could do a walkthrough of the grounds together. Betsy noted that the new black tupelo tree is leaning—supports were removed a few years ago. Can anything be done to make it grow straight?

Process for new trustees? Letter of interest and resume should be submitted to the Mayor, who will then interview them before making a final decision.

We discussed meeting in person in May.

Betsy made motion to adjourn, Sean seconded, meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully – Betsy Friedberg