

Beebe Estate Meeting –Beebe Estate Trustees

June 7, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Bill Butler, Jessica McKenna (co-presidents), Betsy Friedberg, Sean Heneghan (by phone), Tarica Leskiw

Meeting called to order by Jess McKenna at 7:45 p.m. Minutes of May meeting were approved.

Maintenance

Cleaners

We may need to find another cleaner in place of Dafne. We need cleaners weekly at least until July 10, starting as soon as possible, since there are bookings every week. Mr. Nga Wang Tashi cleans upstairs already for FOTF; perhaps he can also clean downstairs. Jess will get in touch with him to see whether he is available.

Carpet. Betsy met with Colin from Landry and Arcari. Floor needs to be repaired before carpet can be repositioned and tacked into place. Tarica will contact Ed Schmidt to see if he can fix the floor.

One of the front shutters has come loose, to the right of the door. The hook may have just come loose, but this has been a problem in the past. It will need to be looked at in daylight.

Plumbing issue with tenants—faucet in upstairs bathroom is dripping. Jess has asked DPW if they could fix it and has not gotten a response

Potential trustee

Becky Fuentes has submitted a letter of interest and CV to the City and is waiting to hear back.

Jess and Sean have both volunteered to serve as the treasurer, as Tarica needs to step aside. Since it is a job best done by one person, they will decide between themselves who will take on the job.

Garden

We have not resolved whether the participants in the upcoming wedding can plant perennials in the front garden. Bill will ask them what they have in mind, so we can decide whether these will be appropriate.

Upcoming events

PRIDE this weekend.

MOST June 18.

Other renters.

We need to follow up with Joyful Music on unpaid rentals.

New sign has been installed at the front of the Milano Center with a barn design on it.

At 8:15 we were joined by Denise Gaffey, City Planner. Denise updates us on new projects.

Milano—permanent awning will be installed in the back/side of building—not clear what it looks like—retractable? Walkway will be added to patio for wheelchair access. Denise will ask about bollards that Stacey of COA says will be installed at the front of the pathway. The project might happen in July.

Beebe School/Library

Library moving Aug. 15-Sept 15, will open in mid September. The library will be open regular hours, but with fewer in person programs and more virtual ones. Parking will be to the left, entry at grade. Rear all-purpose room will house library programs, and there will also be a modified children's collection. Staff will retrieve books from classrooms. 15-16 month construction timeframe. Parking area to the right of the school (closest to Beebe Estate) will be for staff, and there may also be some large storage containers there.

Denise mentioned that the Melrose Historical Commission had been soliciting new members and that a number of preservation -minded people had applied. She thought that there might be people there who might be appropriate as new Beebe trustees.

Betsy made motion to adjourn, Tarica seconded, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully – Betsy Friedberg