

# Hiltonia Association General Membership Meeting

Date: November 10, 2020, 7:00 PM  
Held via Zoom

## MINUTES

Called to order by Dennis Wendell @ 7:11 PM

**Approval of Minutes** from the meeting held March 11, 2020. Moved by Kathi Eckert, seconded by Paulette Ayres, approved by voice vote.

1) **Treasurer's Report** by Barry Giordano: Absent

2) **Committee Reports** (oral reports)

- a) **Civic:** Paulette Ayres: Nothing to report from TCCA or CPAC. Drug activity seems to be active again in the neighborhood (usual corner of Renfrew) and Jeannie has noticed near the park on Hilvista. Lori has witnessed them too. Dennis Wendell shared Sergeant Charles Lamin's contact info for reporting drug activity.
- b) **Publicity:** Linda Reid: Absent
- c) **Membership:** Donnie Johnson: 63 paid 2020 members as of today. Would like to do a membership drive for 2021 by distributing updated forms into mailboxes. Will work with Kathi Eckert and/or Linda Reid to craft a 2021 drive message. Donnie moved to adopt a special rate for the remainder of 2020 + 2021 \$20 per adult. Seconded by Becky Taylor, approved by voice vote. Announcement to go out via email with updated form, plus physical delivery by Donnie, Maureen Lebel, Ellen Heath, Lori Emmerson, and available members of Linda's foot patrol.
- d) **Social:** Children's: Kathleen Coughlin: Absent.  
Adult: Lori Emmerson: Nothing to report.
- e) **Hospitality:** Georgia Wallar and June Guerrero (Welcome Wagon): Nothing to report.
- f) **Worthy Projects:** Jacques and Maureen Lebel: Greatest need in 2020 is social rather than arts, and recommendations are for Mercer Street Friends and Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Jeannie Weakliem and Lily Knezevich recommend Capitol Philharmonic as an arts candidate. Terri O'Prey moved to increase the budget to allow for 3 matching donations this year (up to \$250 for each recipient). Seconded from the floor and approved by voice vote. Process will work exactly as last year (checks made out to recipients to be mailed to Co-Presidents), due by the end of the calendar year.
- g) **Communications:** Kathi Eckert: Deadline for Hilltone articles is the end of the first week of December.
- h) **Cadwalader Park Projects:** Becky Taylor. Two cleanups have been undertaken this fall: deer paddock was well attended by Hiltonians, City workers, THS students, Cadwalader Heights residents, and more. Pathways have been restored. Bridge is damaged and needs to be restored or replaced. Second cleanup was near the ponds to focus on those paths. Good attendance and progress there too. Awaiting removal of cleared brush from City. Becky will plan one additional cleanup this year. Ellen Heath volunteered to help organize a cleanup to the children's play area. Terri suggested that we also dedicate cleanups to the Don Wallar memorial garden.
- i) **Porchfest:** Jeannie Weakliem: No news, June 2021 is still tentative. September 2021 is also an option.
- j) **Nominating:** Linda Reid (chair), Georgia Wallar, Pat Flores, Lily Knezevich, and Kathi Eckert

Presentation of 2021 slate:

- President: Jeannie Weakliem
- First Vice President: Margaret Mason
- Second Vice President: Paulette Ayers
- Recording Secretary: Melinda Chance

- Corresponding Secretary: Bea Scala-Fischler
- Treasurer: TBD

No nominations from the floor.

Lily Knezevich moved to approve the slate, Jeannie Weakliem seconded, approved by voice vote.

### 3) **New Business**

- a) Ellen Heath asked about leaf blower noise. Does Association have any ability to restrict their use? Falls under City noise ordinances. Good question to pose to our Councilperson or campaigning candidates during the next election cycle.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- City Council conference (Tuesday) and regular sessions (Thursday), 5:30 PM: November 10 & 12, December 8 & 10. Combined meeting November 24 & December 22. Instructions for attending virtual meetings:
  - [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) +1 609-453-2732 Conference ID: 173 579 920#
  - <https://www.trentonnj.org/DocumentCenter/View/4944/COT-Virtual-Council-Meeting-Instructions>.
- Citizens Police Advisory Council (CPAC): TBD; Hermitage Police Substation (Hermitage & Artisan Avenues), fourth Thursday of every month at 6 PM
- Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA): TBD; Thomas Edison State College, 111 West State Street, second Thursday of every month at 7 PM

**Next Meeting:**  
**January 12, 2021, 7:00 PM, Zoom**