

**Lordship Improvement Association  
Committee/Board of Governors  
Meeting Minutes February 21, 2024**

**Attendees:** Hans Drenkard, John Florian (call in) Karen Kochiss Jane Scofield, Emily Viner, Jim Warren

Meeting called to order

Minutes emailed from prior meeting were accepted.

**Treasurers Report – Susan Birge**

**Balance** \$21,939.68

**Revenue**

Memberships (258),

Calendar Ads (\$775) & Sales (\$2,755), T-shirts (\$30), Donation (\$1,000) \$ 2,050.00

**Disbursements**

Austin Ganim Landscaping (flailing) \$ 4,750.00

Austin Ganim Landscaping (Fall mowing & Path maint) \$ 1,870.00

Aquarion Water \$ 16.08

Total Disbursements \$ 6,636.08

**Balance** \$17,353.60

- This year is **best ever:** 258 members
- Susan provided past garden budgets to Karen for planning purposes.
- Treasurer's report approved.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The LIA celebration will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> with cookout 4-6 PM followed by Bands on the Bluffs playing until

- Do we need a health permit? No. We are giving away the food.
- Jim will talk to Larry about the following:
  - Which organization is paying for the band?
  - Can we use the half barrel grill?
  - Keltic Kick is booked for us June 23<sup>rd</sup> . Jim/Larry will keep in touch regarding June 30 as a rain date. Otherwise, rain date will be the date will be the next Bands on the Bluffs date to be determined by LFC.
  - Pop up tents
- Jim will talk with Bryan O'Conner about:
  - Roadblocks
  - Esplanade parking permits arrange.
- Food: Jane made a spreadsheet, which she will share with BoG for us to volunteer on.
  - Emily and Hans will each bring 24 burgers, 2lb hot dogs and rolls
  - Hamburgers Rolls Lettuce, tomatoes condiments.
  - Hot Dogs Rolls
  - Chips
  - Drinks
  - Charcoal
- Larry has a turkey fryer that could be used for French fries.
- Publicity should advise attendees to bring their own chairs and blankets.
- We can ask Garden Captains for help with the cleanup.

- Susan and Jane will ask around for new sponsors. If we get some, we will investigate purchasing entertainment.
- Hans will create a Google form to poll for attendance.
- Blog, poster, Facebook, A-Frame signs and email list should provide adequate coverage for publicizing in Lordship.
- Games
  - Frisbees
  - Soccer balls goals?
  - Hans and Jin will bring corn hole sets and Jim will talk to Bryan about setting up tournament.
  - John has a ping pong table.
- Tom may want to bring a historical display including LIA historical information. We could solicit attendees to bring memorabilia. Jane will contact Tom.
- All communications through John.

#### **Burgess – Jane Scofield** (report emailed to BoG before meeting)

- Weddings
  - 2024 – No viable requests. Due to a change in Zoning Ordinance (No amplified music) for the Little Pub, Maura O’Brien contacted Jane regarding a June 22 wedding. This is the same weekend as the LIA 100th. She is also looking at the Lighthouse as a venue. We decided no because of impact to neighbors and following our guidelines consistently.
  - 2025-Contacted Riann Rooney to let her know that LIA had not received a donation from her father.
- **Beach Drive**
  - Jane wrote a letter to town officials requesting they uphold the intent of the 1947 agreement regarding 29 Shoreline Drive.
  - It does not appear that the 1947 agreement transfers ownership of damaged/abandoned properties to LIA. We should ask the attorney if there is significant liability risk.
  - Jane attended the Planning meeting (John Florek attending attorney). The planning commission did not decide in the time limit. . (town attorney review)
  - Email was received from CT Post asking LIA opinion. Jane will provide the 1947 agreement history and allow them to make their own conclusions.
  - Jane will talk to Bryan to confirm his awareness and monitoring meeting agendas.

#### **Communications – John Florian**

##### **LIA 2025 CALENDAR**

- Committee is narrowing theme choices, to be announced soon.
- The new printer is Landmark Print, Stamford, which quotes 200 copies for \$8.48 per copy (sell at \$20 per copy). This is better than Shutterfly’s \$10 per copy. But graphic designer costs will rise a little because we now must also supply entire graphic for the bottom (date) pages. Advertising and additional graphics and additional text can also appear on the bottom pages.
- Calendar’s back page may also be used. Committee suggests we list Lordship’s organizations and major events for 2025. (Note: Events will also be noted in date blocks in each month.)

##### **LIA ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

- Calendar Committee suggests a table for sharing photos and other materials of Lordship history. Tom would probably be interested.
- My suggestion: Also invite tables from Lordship’s organizations and churches, plus event sponsor(s). Possible sponsors: Aquarion (which distributes cups of water from its event tables), a bank, an internet provider.
- Draft party poster created. Layout, text, graphics can be easily changed (using Canva.com platform)

## **LIA WEBSITE**

- Articles to come supporting LIA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme, such as "Lordship Memories," quirky history, June 23 party news.

## **LORDSHIP HISTORY WEBSITE REVAMP**

- Tom Halverson is working with Lordship resident Ed Kingston (tech chief at regional magazine company) to recreate the website with a new URL: LordshipHistory.org, and format using the Wordpress platform.
- John is facilitating this with Zoom meetings, but it is Tom's project (and expense), not LIA's.

## **Environment and Education –**

- Chip delivery will be the week of March 13. We should announce media/A Frame signs for spreading help.
- Rotary has had trees cut from perimeter. Center trees may be cut for wire clearance. State DOT has pollinator pathway designation would like to pursue. We want to ask Kelly/Chad (Public Works) if the town is maintaining the rotary and share with her our desire to go with the state pollinator pathway designation.
- Jim has a forestry connection. We should not bother with a forestry assessment because we can not enforce random tree felling.
- We may want to ask neighbors to bring up rocks to culvert drain areas.

## **Beautification Committee- Karen Kochiss**

- 2024 mulch order. Last year was too early and too much mulch was applied. Late May is the estimated time.
- Tree map was created for stump removal and tree placement. We should append stump pictures to help coordinate town efforts. Susan Emily and Karen will continue survey from Washington Parkway to the traffic light and get back to us. Christine will join the group to add species expertise. When the plan is ready, we will put together an agenda combining the tree plan and pollinator pathway for Kelly.

Next meeting: Committees/ BoG combined meeting Wednesday Mar 20.

Meeting adjourned 8:40