**Friends of City Hall (FoCH) Regular Meeting Minutes – 22 June 2017**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance:** The meeting was called to order by president, Becky Lepley, at 7:00 pm, in Arts & Antiques.



**Also Present:** Alice Avery, Pat Babchek, Louise & Bill Beutell, Bob Lepley, Laura Simpson, Kim Turner.

1. **Agenda:** Distributed before start of meeting. A motion was made (by Judy White) and seconded (by Marge Guinther) to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried.
2. **Minutes from previous meeting:** A motion was made (by Judy White) and seconded (by Kim Turner) to accept the 25 May 2017 meeting minutes. The motion carried.
3. **Financial Report:** Financial Report April 2017 was distributed at the start of the meeting. Checking Account (General Fund) beginning balance was $2,858.52, with various credits and debits, resulting in an ending balance of $471.74. The Building Fund beginning balance was $26,189.67, with various credits and debits, resulting in an ending balance of $26,359.91. Additionally, a bank statement dated 5/31/17 was provided, showing a checking account ending balance of $2,363.75 and building fund ending balance of $22,090.53. A motion was made (by Judy White) and seconded (by Bob Lepley) to accept the Financial and bank Statements. The motion carried.
4. **Officers and Board Members - Nine (minimum)**

**Officers (term Jan 2016- Jan 2019):**  Rebecca Lepley, President; Bud Babchek, Vice President; Amy Bouren, Secretary; Judee Jobin, Treasurer.

**Board Members (term 2016-2019):** Marge Guinther (Membership Chair), Keith Jenken (Project and Building Consultant), David Simpson (Stage Manager Consultant), Judy White (Past President and Promotion Chair), Terry Avery, and Margaret Danneels (Board Members).

1. **Web Site (friendsofcityhall.com), Facebook, and Promotion:** Newspaper articles on historical markers and Heritage Days (w/ emphasis on seeking vendors). TV6 / CTV Heritage Days promotion. Marine City Radio, AM1590 WHLX, provided pricing for air time. Heritage Day advertising article in Crain’s Detroit and Michigan Municipal League.
2. **Ad-Hoc Committee for Capital Fund Raising:** To study, report on, coordinate, and recommend processes for soliciting and receiving financial gifts for the restoration of Historic City Hall, 300 Broadway. Members are: Terry Avery, Bud Babchek, Becky Lepley, and Judee Jobin.
3. Municipal grants and funding sponsored by the City of Marine City
4. 501C3 grants and funding - with Frank Taylor and Robert F. Kennedy
5. Grant proposals submitted for promotion and advertising
6. Ms. Linda Davis-Kirksey, of Davis Kirksey Associates, City Grant Writer
7. TIFA explanation: City applies for extension, and the State is the approving authority
8. **Marine City Enrichment Center, River Rec Teen Zone:** (Laura Simpson)

Potential location in restored City Hall. $750K - $1.5M in grant money is available for youth center purpose. Fundraising is on-going.

1. **Fundraising Possibilities for Restoration and Money to Make Money:**
2. Soused and Serene: Arthur Woodford, in planning.
3. 50/50 Opportunities: Guess number of pennies in a jar (James LaLonde).
4. Brick Paver Project (Amy Bouren): Sales continue. Large donation from Marge Guinther.
5. Snug Theater EC2B2 Jazz Band concert (Bob Lepley). Tickets $10, in planning.
6. Restoration / Preservation themed movies (Bud Babchek) – license fee is $200-$300 / film. Suggestion to host three films on a Saturday.
7. VGs receipts (Georgia Phelan): Collected receipts totaled $18,309 as of 4/20, $23,315, as of 6/9.
8. FoCH fund raising collection jars (Joe Moran and James LaLonde): $156 collected last p/u.
9. Square Dance Caller: Walter Zatorski 248-632-4288
10. Gift Shop: During Heritage Days
11. Big BANGquet (Judy White) dress up catered meal event. Discussed venues, and other ideas and plans were presented. A motion was made (by Bob Lepley) and seconded (by Terry Avery) to plan the banquet for 1/26/18 with an alternate date of 1/19/18. The motion carried.
12. **Current and Near-Term Projects:**
13. Band Stand (Maintenance) – paint is needed on floor and steps – Apply for “Paint The Town” money to buy paint
14. Engraved Brick Pavers for City Hall grounds (Amy Bouren) - Generous donation from Marge Guinther will enable this project to immediately move forward. Pavers are on order, due-in by end of July. Pavers for engraving were ordered and picked up, and initial 12 engraved pavers are on order.
15. Carriage Doors – Becky and Bob Lepley are purchasing a fiberglass carriage door.
16. Interior Staircase Restoration – Seek bids for work.
17. Markers for National Historic Designation (Judy White) – Signs are finished and in MC. Need to coordinate installation. Electric lighting will illuminate the markers, wiring is available.
18. Life Safety Review of Historic City Hall –David Simpson has completed laminated exit maps for various locations in the building.
19. Lamp Post Restoration – Judy White and Kim Turner will evaluate its condition and look into repair and/or improvement.
20. **Upcoming 2017 Events:**
21. 15-17 September 2017 Heritage Days: Friday picnic and East China Band Concert, Sunday service to honor emergency responders. Reserve pavilion for rain-out. Five historical themed artistic vendors (potters, weavers, etc.) have signed up.
22. 2017 is Marine City’s 150-year Chartering anniversary. Costumes are encouraged for all eras of the last 150 years.
23. 28 October 2017, 3pm-6pm “Real Heroes Don’t wear Capes” (formerly known as the Ghost Tour) with the MC Police Department assisting.
24. **Membership:** Marge Guinther. Membership dates are 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018. Campaign mailing in July.
25. **Upcoming Work Days:** Basement spray and clean.Preparation for Heritage Days Saturday, 9 September 2017, 10:00 am. Also, Friday, 15 September 2017 for final set-up.
26. **Upcoming Meetings:** Regular meeting: 27 July 2017. Annual meeting: 25 January 2018.
27. **Adjourned:** A motion was made (by Bob Lepley) and seconded (by Judy White) to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. The motion carried.

A special “thank-you” to Alice and Terry Avery for the use of the facility and snacks and drinks provided.