

**Grandmont Community Association**  
P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, Michigan 48227

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**GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** December 1. 2018      **TIME:** 10AM      **PLACE:** GRDC ~ 19800 GRAND RIVER

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CANDICE FORTMAN, CHARLOTTE WRIGHT, OTTUMN KENNEDY- POMPEY, EDWARD SMITH, ETHEL SMITH, ROBERT PATTERSON, KATHY MORGAN , YVONNE SANDERS, JOMO KING

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:** CHARITY DEAN

- I. Call to order: 10:10am
- II. Changes to/acceptance of minutes
  - a. Art Fair Meeting was November 14<sup>th</sup> not November 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. November Meeting Minutes approved by: Ethel Smith first and Charlotte Second, All in Favor
- III. Officer's Report
  - a. Presidents Report:
    - i. Candice will be out of town
    - ii. Charlotte will let us in the GRDC building
    - iii. Home on Archdale that Dianne brought to Candice's attention. Stairway at Land Bank home has a temporary structure (stairway on Acacia). It is a danger and she spoke inspector Nixon and it is a violation. A ticket has placed with buildings and safety department and Councilman Tate also notified. Potential home to be rented. We will review a formal letter
    - iv. Next Saturday is Holiday Lunch
  - b. Vice Presidents Report:
    - i. Charlotte conducted a survey starting 3 months ago. 97 respondents total to the survey. She has raw results. Suggestion to plan a strategy meeting in January to discuss.
  - c. Treasurer's Report (written report available):
    - i. Savings \$6,916.17
    - ii. Checking \$6,523.06
    - iii. As of November 30<sup>th</sup> : Savings Acct. \$7,116. 17 Checking \$4,125.36
  - d. Membership Report:
    - i. Everything is up to date (only 1 membership added since last report)
    - ii. Current membership is 258
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee:
    - i. Meeting to formulate for invoicing for memberships. Membership and Treasury should coordinate. Sending out before annual meeting (February or March). In January meeting will happen.
  - b. Harvest Festival Committee
    - i. Report was shared last month. Article and Pictures in Grandmonitor
    - ii. Kathy also has receipts for the event
  - c. Social Planning Committee
    - i. Krystal sent report via email
  - d. Arts & Crafts Fair Committee Report
    - i. Jomo sent an email out with report and challenges of Arts & Crafts Fair
    - ii. Campaign for another Art Fair Director

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- iii. February meeting to talk about new director and focus time to talk about outcomes from Arts & Crafts strategy meeting
- iv. Add notice in Grandmonitor for January for new director
  
- e. Beautification Committee
  - i. Larissa will send out survey for board members to fill out
- f. Environmental Committee:
  - i. Sherita mentioned a residential lot to be paved for parking on Woodmont. We should speak to the new owner and see what the owner's attentions are for the vacant house. Sherita mentioned that there would be some discussion during the next Vacant Property Taskforce meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am to have a conversation about the lot.
  - ii. May 5<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Open House support needed for planning
  - iii. Nuisance abatement postings on several homes throughout the community
  - iv. Home on 14205 Woodmont with final eviction notice with pool in yard that needs to be removed immediately.
  - v. 14304 Southfield Freeway home that needs to be addressed as soon as possible
- g. Grandmonitor Committee:
  - i. \$631 for ads for Grandmonitor
  - ii. \$231 was given to Robert
- h. GRDC Committee:
  - i. Building owned by GRDC at 19566 Grand River looking for a new tenant
  - ii. Green Parking Lot next to Universal Parking Lot
  - iii. Thanks for coming to Small Business Saturday and supporting
  - iv. Strategic Neighborhood Investment Fund is to help purchase the old IHOP fund and redevelop apartment complex for senior housing
  - v. Neighborhood Open House is coming back 2019
- i. Ramsay Park Committee:
  - i. No Report
- j. Rippling Hope Committee:
  - i. No Report
- k. Scholarship Committee:
  - i. Committee will meet in January to start the process early and think about planning outreach sooner
  - ii. Reception once the scholarships are approved by December meeting
- l. Safety/Security Committee:
  - i. Chop Shop raid 14042 Rutland in the last month. We were asked (the community) if we wanted to the house forfeited. The family owns the home.
  - ii. Invite Ring co. to upcoming meeting to talk about their temporary discounted program
- m. Street & Block Captains Committee:
- n. Youth and Education Committee:
  - i. Motion for Grandmont to donate to Coat and Boot Drive, \$200 to donate to the school
  - ii. Youth Expo in March to give kids an opportunity to sign up for programs in the neighborhood. Give it proper time for marketing

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1. Funding available for that would be moved from 2018 to 2019, back to \$500
- iii. December meeting at Edison from 8am-9pm and they would like to have representation from the neighborhood on December 18<sup>th</sup>
- V. Motions to accept reports: First Charlotte First and Cora Second motion
- VI. Public Comments:
  - a. Mr. Leddy's passed away and Grandmont will send a condolences card to them.
- VII. Old Business:
  - a. Meet with folks in North Rosedale Park to discuss their Speed Bump pilot park
  - b. Robert says Mary Mohammad found 4 checks \$50 each and would like to reissue checks.
    - i. We will not reissue the checks back to her
- VIII. New Business:
  - a. Treasurer's Proposal to Rectify PayPal
    - i. We will add on a service fee for those that pay online. \$1 will be added on to those that pay online. Will be discussed during upcoming Finance Committee.
    - ii. Charlotte motions discussion hat Grandmont will add a convenience fee of \$1 to dues. Jomo Second
      1. We will add a notice to Grandmonitor in the section for "Pay your dues with Paypal"
      2. Motion will be tabled for January
    - iii. Motion presented for 2 \$1,000 scholarships: Ethel motions that there are 2 \$1,000 scholarships for students
      1. Charlotte Seconds motion
      2. Candice asks for those all-in favor, no objection, motion carried
    - iv. Motion for \$200, for Coat Drive: Charlotte motions Youth and Education for \$200 for coat drive at Edison
      1. Kathy Second
      2. Candice asks for those all-in favor, no objections, motion carried
    - v. Network of referrals that are only accessible by dues paying members
      1. Need to think about costs and maintenance. Josh and Charlotte will work together to explore platform for January or February meeting
- IX. Motion to adjourn
  - a. Charlotte
  - b. Ethel second

Meeting adjourned 11:54