

**Upper Arlington Historical Society**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 19, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m. Municipal Services Center**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Cummins, Kristin Greenberg, Cindy Holodnak, Annie Ralph, Ed Seidel and Joan Sorrell  
Also present Melanie Circle Brown, Executive Director.

Ed Seidel called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

Minutes of the August 15 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting via email and corrections made. Anne Ralph moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Linda Cummins seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ed Seidel forwarded the Treasurer's report via email prior to the meeting. He reviewed costs for the month exceeded income but the association is still \$19,554.12 and ahead of budget. Because accounting expenses continue to rise, and per an earlier suggestion by Matt Prescott, the Society may seek a review by another accountant. Cindy Holodnak moved that the minutes be approved. Kristin Greenberg seconded. Motion was approved.

**Executive Director's Report**

*Veteran's Mallway*

Still waiting to hear from UA Parks and Rec. that John Wayne Badon has be added to the Vietnam Plaque at the Veterans Mallway. When Melanie hears confirmation she will communicate with his friend/classmate who provided the information to us.

*Trolley Tour*

Members of the 2018/2019 Leadership UA class have been offered a 'private' tour time of 3:00 on Saturday, October 27.

The merchants at Tremont Center will again provide refreshments and goodie bags. We will ask Crimson Cup for the coffee donation again. We are continuing with promotion, and will send out a flyer for board members to email to their friends and family. The 9:00 tour particularly needs additional seats sold (last count was 2 sold). 22 seats are sold for 10:30. 11 seats for noon and 12 seats for 1:30. We still need a navigator for this day. We need to keep reaching different people in promoting this tour.

*Greensview*

- 1) They have booked us to give the Spirit of Community Trolley Tour to their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes again this year. They provide the two buses and are paying the Society \$250.00. This will be held Friday October 5, 12:30-2:00. Cindy and Kristin will give the tours.

Melanie and Ed will be navigators.

2) Mark Walter, a teacher at Greensview Elementary School is heading up a project involving a group of students and staff members in which they are writing "Golden Bears A to Z," a children's book with rhymes and facts about Upper Arlington being funded by UAEF. I will be meeting with the committee on 9/20 to go over the outline of the book.

### ***Program on Deed Restrictions***

Doreen Uhas Sauer has agreed to be our speaker at a "conversation" event about housing patterns in Columbus since pre-Civil War days through the 1960s, and how Upper Arlington's development occurred against that backdrop. Ed Seidel will be the moderator. Doreen suggested dividing the talk into three eras and taking questions (for 10 minutes) after each: 1) Pre-Civil War 2) 1900-1929, 3) 1930-1960s.

The date for this has been set for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 8, at the MSC Council Chamber. We will investigate Event Brite for reservations for this presentation.

### ***Board Retreat***

The date and time for our in-town retreat is Sunday November 11, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., in the lower level conference room at the MSC. Dinner will be provided. Alex Greenberg has graciously agreed to lead and moderate our conversation, something he does professionally. Brendan, Kristin, Melanie and Alex met to set the agenda for the evening. In the interest of maximizing time we will be sending out a survey to the board in advance of the retreat. We will order dinner from Café DaVinci, each member paying for his/her own meal.

### ***Archives***

A backlog of items continue to be processed into (and sometimes not into) our collection. Lee Bracken will be attending the Local History Alliance (Friday only) on our behalf. Some of the recent items we've worked on:

- Essex Place records - the daughter of the treasurer of the Essex Place Civic Association donated records.
- Schoedinger family movies donated with the ask that they receive a copy of what is on them once copied. This is a multi-step project as the films are 8mm and 16mm, and finding the equipment to view them, etc. is the first challenge. WOSU can dub 16 MM and 8MM can be viewed at the Columbus library. The cost of a "gift" also needs thought and process on our part. Typically, we can't afford to take gifts that cost us money.
- Norwester Yearbooks – ultimately determined to keep one copy per year due to space limitations, and the fact that the UAPL digitizes each year, and has a (nearly) complete set as does UAHS . We're checking to see if UAEd has a set, and how we can keep current with newly published issues.

- Creating an inventory by address of the construction drawings we have.
- Beginning a 'house file' for any UA address we have information about. Recent example – 2251 Oxford, a home that will be demolished.
- Old King Thompson Company advertisement lent to us for copying for the archives.
- Homeowner on Yorkshire making contact with the Society asking for help researching his home.
- 5 bankers boxes containing unorganized records, news clippings having to do with the 1987 historic preservation legislation are being processed.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership** – Kristin Greenberg

We are retaining our previous membership process for now. We will send out a Thanksgiving theme card after November 8. Kate Brody is writing the text. In December, we will send out a newsletter and mailing with membership renewal and a call for end of the year donations.

### **Wall of Honor** – Ed Seidel

Brendon King will be working on this with Erik this year and take it over going forward.

### **Communications** – Kristin Greenberg

Business cards for promoting the Trolley Tour were distributed. Some will be left at the Parks and Rec counter also. We continue to try and sell the trolley tour and deed restrictions session as well as 150 Centennial Christmas ornaments. Trees for the Christmas celebration in the library go up November 18. The timeline to place the events featured in the book [A Gentleman in Moscow](#) (UACF/UAPL author visit on Sunday, October 14) was shared by Kristin. Annie Ralph will check on use of quotes and attribution required.

Pre-retreat, Board members are asked to look at other historical society websites to inform our discussion. There is a running list on the Board page. Send additional suggestions to Kristin.

### **Preservation** – Cindy Holodnak

No new demolitions have been identified.

### **Documentation/Archives** - Melanie Circle Brown

Lee will be attending the Ohio Local History Alliance workshop in Dublin, Ohio. She is working on a gift protocol and a deed of gifts. Past Perfect is being investigated for use as an archive index. Currently we are using a Google doc.

### **Old Business - Upcoming Events:**

Sun. October 14                      Author visit Amor Towles

Saturday October 27              Fall Trolley Tour

Thursday Nov. 8 @ 7:00 p.m. Doreen Uhas Sauer program

Sunday Nov. 11 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. UAHS Board retreat at the MSC

**New Business**

Linda Cummins is resigning her place on the Board given her many other commitments. She had suggested some people as new Board members to Melanie.

Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Cindy Holodnak, Secretary*