

# Friends of the Grange

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023

Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
February 2, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by Bill Parkinson, who was sitting in for his wife, President, Kathy Parkinson, at 6:32 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Bill Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Scott Selkowitz, Joe Rastatter, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Rachelle Nocito, Kathy Owsik

**BY TELECONFERENCE:** Betty Graham and Bev Rorer

**GUEST:** Colin Quinn

The minutes of the January 5, 2023 meeting were read and Joe Rastatter motioned to approve the January minutes, and Scott Selkowitz second. All were in favor. There was one correction noted from the minutes, the year 2023, was incorrectly stated, as 2022. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Petrokubi reported that we have an operating balance currently at \$109,000.00 and the total balance for the checking account is \$150,879.00. Total net income as of January 2023 was \$7,615.29. The total income for the month of December was \$10,470.00. Total funds for the endowment (Merrill Lynch) is \$327,181.00. Rachelle Nocito motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Jeanine Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

**Storm Drains & Necessary:** The storm drain inlet is a problem. The current situation of the drain is not safe, especially if a child climbed down. This problem is not going to be easy to fix, but until it is, the township is going to put a fence around the inlet for safety.

**Necessary:** While restoration plans are in process, currently involving the Engineers, there are no establishment time frames for the completion to date of the issues with the Necessary.

**Bees:** After the incident where the boys came in and attacked the bee hives, Bev noted that one of the five hives is going great, but the others not so good. She has ordered four (4) new hives that we will have by April. She truly hopes that these boys are somehow reprimanded for their actions.

**Commissioner Report:** Colin Quinn joined us tonight for our meeting. It was great to have him here with us. He said that he was happy to be able to work with Scott Selkowitz.

**Strategic Planning:** Kathy Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Scott Selkowitz met on January 23, 2023 to begin the Strategic Planning process. The topic was “fiscal and financial reporting”. As requested, Jim prepared a detailed year to date report for the current fiscal year, beginning June 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023. An analysis of this data will be reported to the BOM at the March 2, 2023 meeting. Based on the discussions and review conducted, the Grange will be expanding the utilization of QuickBooks (financial software) in the preparation of the years 23-24 budget and the issuance of monthly financial reporting converting to year to date reports. Additionally, efforts are underway to retain a new accountant who can provide technical and supportive assistance beyond the preparation of the required 990 tax documents.

**Haverford Township Adult School:** - On April 28, 2023, we will be hosting an evening of history at the Grange. After the tour and history, we will be serving wine and cheese. The cost of this event will be \$10.00 a person and we are hoping to find some more volunteers along with some interested tour guides. As of today, 21 people have signed up. We are capping the night at “30”. Motion was made by Kathy Parkinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. It was seconded by Kathy Owsik. All approved.

**Events Schedule:** 3 pages will be emailed to the Board with the Schedule of Events. We have all agreed on having the Christmas Party on December 8, 2023. It seems more desirable to have it the second Friday as opposed to Dec. 1, 2023.

Upcoming events that are presently scheduled for February are as follows:  
Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, will be Book Club at 7 PM, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be the Strategic Planning Event.

**By-Laws:** Consideration will be given to forming the “Grange Advisory Council” as outlined in the By-Laws. It will be discussed further with the Township.

**New Business:** Joe Rastatter proposed looking for help for the Sacred Heart Shamrock Shuffle 5K race that will take place on March 4, 2023. The race will take place between 10-12. The Grange donated \$250.00 for a sponsorship. Jeanine will be sitting at a table at the Sacred Heart school to try and generate interest in memberships at the Grange. Please come out and join us.

**Township Representatives:** Rachelle Nocito would like to extend a great “thank you” to Scott Selkowitz for all of his hard work in planning and getting the Strategic Planning up and running. She feels that it will be very successful and will be helpful to all of us at the Grange.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M., motion to end was made by Scott Selkowitz, and Rachelle Nocito seconded. All approved.

Next Board of Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2 2023.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

# Friends of the Grange

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Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
March 2, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:42 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Bill Parkinson, Jim Petrokubi, Cathy DiGirolamo, Scott Selkowitz, Jeanine Rastatter, Chad Brooks, Debbie Cipolla, Rachelle Nocito, Fran McGarrity, Terry Dougherty, Sue Vernon

**BY TELECONFERENCE:** Bev Rorer

**EXCUSED:** Joe Rastatter, Bev Coster, Kathy Owsik, Betty Graham

The minutes of the February 2, 2023 meeting were read and Rachelle Nocito motioned to approve the January minutes, and Fran McGarrity second. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Petrokubi reported that we have an operating balance currently at \$110,867.00 and the total balance for the checking account is \$152,747.00. Total net income as of January 2023 was \$1,867.42. The total income for the month of December was \$3,405.00. Total funds for the endowment (Merrill Lynch) are \$327,181.00. There was a \$1250.00 donation made this month to the Grange. It was anonymous. Bill Parkinson motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Jeanine Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

**Strategic Planning:** This was the second meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Everyone who attended was tuned in and ready to go. Many new ideas were brought to the meeting. Last month we discussed finances. We looked at the income and expenses, income being great but what we need to look at is what is coming in and through the entire fiscal year and where it is going. The Farmhouse rental is 37%, and 36% combined holiday – together making 75% of our revenue. That is great news but at the same time, we need to remember

that our membership dues do not coincide because of the fiscal year, as it comes in annually, January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was also suggested to try and combine “open houses” and “ice cream/magic shows” into other broader events, because events such as these, do not bring in much profit, after the initial cost is made. There was talk about using the Grange as a venue, much like the CREC center at Haverford Reserve. We are a private entity, owned by Haverford Township. We are sustained by tax dollars. We would like to try and clone the Crec’s ideas and try and come up with a new application to use the venue that could be done on line and approved within 72 hours. We will need to get fee schedules, so we could possibly move on to be able to rent as a venue.

**Grange Events:** President, Kathy P. said that moving forward she wants to do all events the right way. We will be changing the way we do it, so it fits more into our By-Laws. It was recommended that each of our sponsored events for 2023 be planned in accordance with the corporation’s major functions as defined under Article II. Events offered need to be planned to maximize available volunteer resources and to generate revenue.

First thing: Children’s Colonial Experience – this will be in place of the Fall Open House, which will include children treats, brief history lesson for the children, along with story-telling and we would incorporate ice cream into this and possibly include attic treasures.

Second: Winterfest 2023 – which will have the colonial, historical theme throughout, with decorations, stories and of course holiday treats. The trains will be here, along with possibly attic treasures and possibly incorporating the magic show.

Third: Grange Historical Lecture Series – the first one will be held on April 28, 2023. 30 people are already signed up, which will be in conjunction with the Haverford Township Adult School. The fee is set at \$10.00 per person.

The “Royal Tea” is scheduled for May 6, 2023. We would like to possibly get a guest speaker from England to join us.

In the Spring of 2024, we would like to have the Formal Gala, which will celebrate the opening of the season and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grange. We will need to form a Gala Committee.

**Holiday Party:** We are considering changing the holiday party. We would like the party to be mainly for the volunteers, and we will hold it during the daytime hours.



**Scripts for Future Tour Guides:** Terri Dougherty has been kind enough to volunteer in putting together a script for all of our tour guides. It will make it much easier for all tour guides to follow. We will also supply a children's script to follow.

**Township Representatives:** Rachelle Nocito and Scott Selkowitz met and discussed the porch and painting the veranda. It is agreed that the front of the building has to look "welcoming" so it will bring in visitors. Right now, it is looking a little shabby.

### **CHAIR REPORTS**

**Attic Treasures:** Jeanine Rastatter said that the Attic Treasure sale will be held on March 25, 2023. Drop off for all items will be held this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, between 1-2:30 P.M. in the parking lot. Jeanine will be putting it out on social media. She is asking for vintage home décor, small furniture, costume jewelry, etc. Please do not bring toys, children's and baby items. We are looking for a good turnout. Spread the word.

**Book Club** – There was 15 people who turned out. It was a good night. Next book club will be held in April, but no date is set. The book will be, "Dictionary of Lost Words".

**Bees:** Bev Rorer said that she will be getting four new hives in April. New volunteers came in on Saturday, and were quite helpful in getting things up and ready for bee season. They are meeting again on March 18<sup>th</sup>, so we shall have a good crop of bees come summer. It was noted by Bev, that in 1974, they discovered in the second floor of the Carriage House bee hives, so Bev re-stored the hives and have kept in going. The first honey was in 1976.

**Buildings/Gardens/Grounds:** Kathy Parkinson said that she is getting estimates on getting the porch painted. Not sure at this time about doing the roof. She is also reaching out to two power washers so we can get the porch done so it will be ready for painting. Terri D. offered to find some plantings for the area, to give it more color. She is also getting estimates for flagstone for the path, along with more estimates for painting, and also reached out to Havertown Capet to get pricing for possibly installing rugs on the steps.

**Hospitality:** Debbie Cipolla mentioned that she saw Anne Barnett, and that she is doing well, living at Waverly and gives her best to everybody at the Grange. Debbie also extended a big "thank you" to Terri's husband, Doc, for working on so many lights and lamps. It has been a real help.

She also mentioned that if we are considering holding more events, all current fire extinguishers need to be brought up to date. She passed out a list to all Board members with a list of all fire extinguishers that are at the Grange, so in the event of fire, we would know where they are all located. She also is having a walk-around with Jane to see where the water valves are located in case they would need to be turned off.

**Membership:** Kathy Owsik is not here tonight. She did pass on that she saw Betty Graham and that she is doing well and has been moved to Rehab. She is not able to talk on the phone.

**Program/Publicity:** Kathy Parkinson has nothing to report.

**Shoppe:** Bev Coster is not here tonight, but the shop is closed till April.

**Trains:** Bill Parkinson is working on the trains so all will be ready for the Holiday Season.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M., Rachelle N. seconded. All were in favor.

Next Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2023.

Next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023.



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## Meeting Minutes

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Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
August 3, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:32 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Bill Parkinson, Kathy Parkinson, Chad Brooks, Jeanine Rastatter, Joe Rastatter, Scott Selkowitz, Terri Dougherty, Debbie Cipolla, Jim Petrokubi, Bev Rorer, Carolyn Bonass, Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Owsik

The Minutes of the June 6, 2023 were read and motion to approve the minutes was made by Bev Rorer and Terri Dougherty seconded. All were in favor.

It was noted that Poly, our Magic Man, who brought so much excitement to the children at the Grange, is very sick. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Petrokubi reported that we will be doing a monthly year to date moving forward. So far this year we are showing a loss of \$1138.00. For the month ending July 31, 2023, our total checking account is showing \$150,872.00. Total expense for the month is \$1,224.77, and the net income for the month is -\$1,379.42. He noted that there was not much income this past month and that we did have expenses in the Garden and Exterminating. There was one donation of \$150.00.

He also noted that we will now be reporting to the Township at the end of the year, December 31.

Bill Parkinson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and Scott Selkowitz seconded. All were in favor.

**Eagle Scout Project:** Ethan Flood joined us tonight and explained that he will be doing a project that will involve building a library at the Main path that leads up

to the parking lot. He is hoping to complete his project by the third week in August. He also mentioned that he would like to do an additional library, for adult/children. It was noted that he might need additional wood, and if so, to let us know and we will help with any material that is needed. Good luck, Ethan.

**Strategic Planning:** Scott noted that things are all falling into place. The new They are setting up new policies for renting the venue. Also discussed the Gala and Holiday party. The By-Laws have been sent to Kathy Parkinson. He mentioned that he is looking for an accountant that has quickbooks knowledge and would be able to convert to cloud base. One interested accountant 's rate would be \$200.00 an hour.

**Maintenance and Upkeep:** Kathy Parkinson mentioned that the front walk, and the steps were completed. The porch will be painted, starting August 21<sup>st</sup>. The amphitheater is still being discussed with the township and the engineers.

**Township Representatives:** Sad news came to us regarding Rachelle Nocito, She had two strokes recently. She is doing better physically but it will take some time for recovery. Her son will keep in touch with us as to her progress. Currently, she is on in definite leave from her position as one of the township representatives as she is recovering from this. It was agreed to send off a \$100.00 gift card to her. We all here at the Grange wish her the very best. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

**New Business:**

Kathy P. sat down with Jane Travers and learned that Robert, her husband will be needing a kidney transplant. His kidneys have been failing and they are hoping to be able to do this procedure before him needing dialysis. We wish Robert and Jane the best for a quick fix and recovery. We will be offering all our support to them both. They are truly special people to all of us.

Kathy will be presenting plans for the upcoming Spring Gala, which is commemorating 50 years at the Grange– which will probably be held in April 2024. We will be looking for quite a few volunteers to help out with planning and the night of the event. There was discussion as to forming a committee for the Spring Gala and in the meantime to start recruiting for more volunteers. All

volunteers need. It was also noted that when bringing volunteers in to do work, whether outside or inside, it is good to let someone at the office or Kathy know about it, especially for insurance reasons, in the case of a mis-hap.

Debbie Cipolla and Kathy P. have been discussing the Christmas Party. We will be changing the “membership” being at no cost if you attended. For this year, it looks like we will have to stay on board with it, but coming up for 2024, the change will be set in place. Most Board Members were in favor of keeping the Christmas Party going. It always was a care-free night, but a fun night being with everyone. It was very festive. It was agreed to have the party on Thursday night, December 7, 2023. There will be no Board meeting that month.

GIFT SHOP: - Carolyn and Kathy P. spoke about the possibility of merchandising the Gift Shop to feature new items which would increase the revenue. It was decided that merchandise that pertains to the Grange, i.e. magnets, ornaments, tote bags, etc. would be relocated to inside the Mansion for the Holiday season. Volunteers will be recruited to welcome visitors into the Mansion, take tour payments and Grange merchandise payments so that the tour guides can continue with tours. The Shop will remain open as is and a discussion about the merchandising of the Shop will be tabled till early 2024. Bill P. motioned to have the merchandise brought into the Mansion, Bev Rorer seconded. All were in favor. (

### **CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Book Club** – Jeanine noted the upcoming meeting will be held on Tuesday night, August 15, 2023 at 7 PM. She is expecting at least 12 people.

**Attic Treasures** – Jeanine noted that she is thinking about incorporating the sale with the Colonial experience day rather than a separate sale in April. As of this point she is not sure of all the details.

**Bees:** Bev Rorer noted that we are not having a good time with the bee hives. She checks the hives weekly, but it looks like one neighbor will end up donating 50 pounds of honey and someone else donated another hive and also 40 more pounds of honey. Bev noted that she will be handing in all of her bills at one time after the honey sale, which is being held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 9-noon, and she is hoping it will be a success. She also mentioned that the extractor that she got is not working so she will be going back to Paradise to get it up and running..

**Buildings, Gardens and Grounds:** Terri Dougherty does not have much to report. Other than a lot of weeding and plant work has been going on. She mentioned that there will be temporary signs put up for the bee/honey sale.

**House:** Debbie mentioned that Betty Graham's doll was here with us at the meeting. She will be putting it up in the Nanny's room with a picture and name plate on it. Debbie also found a Christmas pillow of Betty's that has her monogram on it, and will make sure that it is displayed at Christmas time, along with a Santa that belong to her, and Chad will make sure that it is out with all of his other Santa's. There was talk about setting up the Board Room in her memory and honor.

**Membership:** Kathy Owsik is not here tonight. Nothing to report.

**Trains:** Bill Parkinson noted that he got another volunteer. He will be meeting with her this weekend. He is working on many thing, but mostly on how to set things up with fewer steps to the long barn.

**Township Representatives** – Joe Rastatter said they are working on Discover Haverford, which will be in early January 2024. It usually runs from 5:30-7:30 PM. The possible rain date will be January 10, 2024.

All Hands on Deck – October 22, 2023

Colonial Experience – October 15, 2023.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:204P.M., Scott Selkowitz seconded. All were in favor.

Next Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023.

# Friends of the Grange

[Minutes Link](#)

Date received: 10/16/2023 @ 1351

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## Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 07, 2023

Location: Grange Estate, 143 Myrtle Ave., Havertown

Time: 6:30 P.M.

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FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
September 7, 2023

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:35 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Bill Parkinson, Kathy Parkinson, Chad Brooks, Jeanine Rastatter, Scott Selkowitz, Debbie Cipolla, Jim Petrokubi, Katarina Stojkovic, Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Thomas Monnat, Hazel Delikatny

The Minutes of the August 3, 2023 will be read and approved at the October Meeting due to printer issues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Petrokubi noted that total funds, as of August 31, 2023, are \$324,189.00, total checking account if at \$148,077.00, and net income for the month is at a negative -\$4,174.70.

**COLONIAL FALL FEST** – Colonial Fest will be held this year on October 15, 2023 between the hours of 1-4 PM, and will have pumpkin painting, scarecrow making and additional new activities to hopefully pull in new people. We will be having storytelling, with a colonial theme. We also will be doing butter making and will have “Colonial Living: - we are hoping there can be some presentation of bees by Bev Rorer, and also the attic treasure sale in the shop will be going on, selling all kinds of good items, along with Grange merchandise. We also will be having popcorn to sell, along with pretzels, and also gluten free snacks.

**MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:** We had an issue with maintenance from the Farm. House tenants. Apparently, their hot water heater went, and needed to be replaced, which cost \$1400.00.

The front porch was painted last month, and also the floor. The walk/steps were also re-aligned. Furniture was also painted. Terry Dougherty picked up Fall wreaths for the doors. Barry P., who does landscaping said that the Township

had not cut the lawn, due to the fact that the barricades were up for the bees. Kathy P. will follow up with Dave Mariani at the Township to see if we can get them back to cut the grass.

**SPRING GALA:** There was a meeting with Scott S., Debbie C., Jeanine R. and Kathy P., and also Nancy B.– they decided to have the Gala in the Spring of 2024 which will celebrate and mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grange. They are currently in the process of finding a venue and date to get it up and running. We will need sponsors, and volunteers to help with the event.

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:** - Joe R. was unable to come this evening, but it was noted that Rachelle N. is still recuperating and coming along. We are hoping that she will be able to make one of our upcoming meetings.

Township has spent considerable time re-vamping their website. Forms, applications and many other things that Township residents would need, are now available. Please take a look at the website – all the information you might be looking for is now there. It was also noted that if anyone has or knows of an elderly person who would have trouble getting out of their house in case of emergency, contact them and have their phone number entered and it will be noted for a look-out in case of emergency.

**EAGLE SCOUTS:** - Ethan, Eagle Scout is installing the lending libraries for adults and children. Feel free to check them out. Rick Miller said that the Boy Scouts are looking for extra hours, which would be a good for “All Hands-on Deck.”

**NECESSARY UPDATE:** The Necessary has been inspected by the Township, and a plan has been put into place for it. Right now, it is in the pipeline with the State Historical Commission to approve the plan and move on.

**AMPHITHEATRE UPDATE:** the Amphitheatre is on permanent hold. The Township has decided not to pursue it at this time. The Handicap accessibility has come up but for now, it will not go any further.

**HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP NIGHT SCHOOL:** They will be having another Adult School night at the Grange. It will be a nice evening. It was a thought to possibly talk about a family that once lived here at the house. Tours will be on going. It is a great experience to see at the Mansion at night time. They will be doing a

History class here at the Grange. They will be using the Grange for six-seven weeks.

**BEE UPDATE:** Bev Rorer noted that she bought additional supplies, since we were down to hardly any. It was cheaper for her to buy the material that was needed by the dozen. Bev also noted that she has some outstanding bills, and receipts that she will be handing in. They had 100 children from Chatham Park Elementary School here back in the Spring and their teachers asked for them to be able to have a scavenger hunt which corresponded to their science lessons. Bee education was a part of their program.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. and Fran McGarrity seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Manager's Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023.



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## Meeting Minutes

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**FRIENDS OF THE GRANGE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2023**

The Board of Managers Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Parkinson, at 6:38 P.M. in the drawing room of the Mansion.

**PRESENT:** Kathy Parkinson, Chad Brooks, Jeanine Rastatter, Debbie Cipolla, Jim Petrokubi, Fran McGarrity, Cathy DiGirolamo, Thomas Monnat, Bev Rorer, Hazel Delikatny, Joe Rastatter

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Owsik

The Minutes of the September 7, 2023 will be read and Fran McGarrity noted that Bev Rorer and Kathy Owsik were present at the meeting on September 7, 2023 and needed to be added. Motion to approve the minutes after that was made by Debbie Cipolla, Bev Rorer seconded, all were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Petrokubi noted that the total operating balance as of September 30, 2023 is \$107,506.00, total checking account balance is \$149,397.00 – total funds are \$325,326.00. Jim P. noted that we are showing a deficit of \$2856.99 and that is because we have not had much going on this past month, and we have also had a lot of expenses. There has also not been much of a change on the endowment. Kathy P. also noted that the Grange was included in Betty Grahams Will. Joe Rastatter motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Fran McGarrity seconded. All were in favor.

**COLONIAL FALL FEST** – Colonial Fest will be held next Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 1-4 P.M. Jeanine Rastatter is working on a potential list, looking for some additional volunteers. We are opening it up on "Genius". Bees and Colonial time/living will be include in the day's events, along with story-telling and attic treasurers. There is a lot of items that need to be brought down from the barn. It was noted that "attic treasures: was not included on the flyer. We will be having refreshments, including pretzels, popcorns, hot dogs, cider, apple juice and water.

There will be scarecrow making and pumpkin painting. There will also be tours in the Mansion – but we are looking for help. Question was raised as to whether we should charge or should this just be consider a donation.

**WINTER FEST AND HOLIDAY SEASON:** - A meeting was held with Debbie C., Kathy P., Helen and Jeanine R. to talk about vendors and what we need to charge them. It was decided not to have craft vendors because we do not have the available tents and heating that would be needed for them. There will also be a “Johnnie on the Spot” if needed for visitors. Debbie C. stated that we should charge people to come into the Mansion for tours. What would be a fair price to charge? It surely would cut down on the amount of people coming through the Mansion, but then again it would depend on the weather that day. It was agreed to charge \$5.00 for adults and children under 12 would be free. Santa will be set up in the front and there will be no charge for taking pictures. Joe Rastatter motioned to approve – Debbie Cipolla seconded. All were in favor.

**BEES:** Fran McGarrity raised some concerns with the Board about the handling of the Bees and stressed the desire to continue to have them be a part of the Grange. There was a small discussion at that time, but the matter was put aside, and the meeting continued with the agenda.

**MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP:** As far as upkeep – the Master Gardener Group will be fixing up Memorial Garden. The locks have all been fixed and the winter pansies will be planted, along with a fall clean up.

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES:** - Joe R. discussed coming across “Coffee mugs” with the Grange Estate on the front of the mug. He went to a couple knick/knack places and also to the owner of the DELCO shop. These mugs will be sold in the Gift Shop and they are ceramic. Bev Rorer suggested that we should order 100 of them. Joe R. is going to try and get these ordered. Bev Rorer approved the purchase of the mugs, and Jeanine Rastatter seconded, all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

## **CHAIR REPORTS**

**Attic Treasurers** -moved more items into the Gift shop and it is looking good.

Hoping all visitors will visit the shop.

**Book Club** – will be held this coming Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – usually there is at least 12-15 women in attendance. It is usually a great night and Jeanine will be talking to all the ladies about upcoming events.

**House** – Debbie mentioned “All Hands on Deck” – which will be Sunday, October 22, 2023 – there will be no tours and we will be bringing all the stuff down from the third floor, the Cub Scouts will be joining us and helping. It will begin at 4 PM – Debbie will be ordering pizzas for all those who come out to help.

Bev Rorer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. and Joe Rastatter seconded. All were in favor.

The next Board of Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 2, 2023.

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