



Oberlin Heritage Center
2019 Annual Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019
Hotel at Oberlin



President Gail Wood

Gail Wood, Oberlin Heritage Center Board President, welcomed over 165 registered people in attendance and recognized members and guests. Northwest Bank was thanked as sponsors of the evening. The following were also recognized and thanked for representing their organization: Cindy Andrews and Albert Calo from the Community Foundation of Lorain County; Tina Kimbrough of The Nord Family Foundation; Margie Flood of Oberlin Community Services; Trecia Pottinger and Tania Boster of the Bonner Center for Service and Learning at Oberlin College; Alexia Hudson-Ward, Megan Mitchell and Cecilia Robinson of the Oberlin College Library; Ken Grossi from the Oberlin College Archives; Kate Pilacky of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; Kerri Broome and Marilyn Wainio from the Lorain County Historical Society; Kaitlyn Donaldson from the Lorain Historical Society; Council members Ronnie Rimbart [and Kristin Peterson]; Barb Thomas, Maggie Stark, and Ann Pilisy from Kendal; Janet Haar of the Oberlin Business Partnership; and Julie Cruz Blair and Nikki Hagelin from Leadership Lorain County.

Gail also recognized the winners of the Hubbard Prize who could not attend due to a band trip. Honorary trustee Donna Shurr was recognized as their advocate along with Ned and Gail Hubbard who came from Virginia to join tonight.

Business Meeting

As Board President, Gail Wood called to order a brief annual membership meeting.

Approve Minutes

Motion 2019-10 The minutes from the April 2018 annual meeting were available and Kristin Peterson moved and Alexia Hudson-Ward second to accept the minutes. Motion passed with voice vote

Approve Treasurer's Report

Motion 2019-11 A copy of the December 31, 2018 Financial Cash Flow Summary and the treasurer's report was available. Sid Comings moved and Cathe Radabaugh second to accept the treasurer's report. Gail thanked Board Treasurer Ed Wardwell and the Finance Committee for their continued work and guidance.

Gail introduced Barb Enos, Governance Chair to lead the elections.

Barb Enos shared the following slate of officers recommended to the Board of Trustees by the Governance Committee. The Board of Trustees approved the slate at its February and March board meetings for the presentation to the membership at the April, 2019 meeting. Profiles of the new trustees were included in the program.

The following are proposed for re-election to 3-year terms as trustees:

- Laurel Price Jones
- Brittnei Sherrod

The following are proposed for election to a 3-year term as new trustees:

- Carl Jacobson
- Julie Min
- Nikki Smith-Hignite

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The following are proposed for election to 2-Year Officer terms:

- Gail Wood for a 2nd term as President
- Ken Grossi for a 2nd term as 1st Vice President
- Eboni Johnson for a 1st term as 2nd Vice President
- Erik Breunig for a 1st term as Treasurer
- Barb Enos for a 3rd term as Secretary

The slate comes as a motion that has been made and seconded by the Board of Trustee. Motion carries.

In February the Board of Trustees also voted to confer honorary trustee status on Stephen Johnson, III and Edward Wardwell. Their work with strategic planning, OHC's finances, collections and informational holding, special events, community engagement and more has exponentially increased the impact of the Heritage Center.

Barb thanked all the board of trustees and the members of OHC's two property subsidiary boards; Vineway and OHC Properties.

Meeting adjourned.

After dinner Liz Schultz, executive director, introduced the guest speakers for the night, Gary Kornblith and Carol Lasser. They shared their thoughts on their *book Elusive Utopia: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Oberlin, Ohio*.

Gail introduced Executive Director Liz Schultz to share a few words. Liz shared accomplishments in the last year and goals for the following years. She thanked the staff at OHC and the many volunteers.

Liz invited President Gail Wood back up for remarks and a celebratory update on the Pat Murphy Endowment for Heritage Preservation, which had reached \$551,559.58 in gifts and had a market value of almost \$590,000.

Gail introduced Ken Grossi to present the eighteenth year of Community Awards. The recipients were:

History Teacher of the Year Award: Mike Demchak

Business Leader Service Award: Marty Buck

OHC Volunteer of the Year Award: OHC GPS Westwood Volunteer Team Rich Fredrickson, Judy Connolly, Camille Hamlin Allen, Amy Chuang, Judy Cook, and Adam Freas.

Youth Community Service Award: Ruby Denneen & John Elrod

Raffle winners were announced.

Gail thanked everyone for attending and that OHC looks forward to seeing everyone throughout the year and at next year's annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Enos
Board of Trustees Secretary