



Oberlin Heritage Center  
Annual Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2020  
Via Zoom Platform



## **President Gail Wood**

Gail Wood, Oberlin Heritage Center Board President, welcomed 64 people in attendance via Zoom and recognized members and guests.

President Gail Wood recognized the winners of the Hubbard Prize. The Oberlin Heritage Center awards the Hubbard Prize every year to a student or students from Lorain County who present an outstanding paper, documentary or website project at the regional National History Day competition. This year's Hubbard Prize recipient were Greta Arbogast, Emma Kim, and Daria Martz for their documentary "Breaking Barriers of Climate Change in Higher Education: Oberlin College's Approach to Sustainable Development." Their teacher is OHC honorary trustee and passionate history advocate Donna Shurr. This award is generously supported by members Ned and Gail Hubbard.

Gail recognized and congratulated Asher Cipinko and Ewan Inglis for advancing all the way from regionals to nationals for their website "Breaking Barriers: Flying High with Jacqueline Cochran." Gail thanked the evening's sponsor, Northwest Bank, who not only committed to this meeting long ago, but who were also critical to OHC applying to the federal Paycheck Protection Program, which kept operations going in May and June by covering staff wages.

During the digital format, Gail thanked organizations like the Community Foundation of Lorain County, The Nord Family Foundation, and Nordson Corporation for their support. She also thanked the attendees for their continued support and encouragement during the exceptional times.

Gail announced OHC will be honoring OHC's Community Awards to Green Circle Growers, David Ashenhurst, Ja'Niece Whitehead, Emily Winnicki, and Steve Johnson at the 2021 meeting.

## **Business Meeting**

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

### Approve Minutes

**Motion 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual 2019 meeting were posted on the Oberlin Heritage Center website for public review prior to the meeting. Kaitlyn Donaldson moved and Julie Min seconded to accept the April, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes. Questions were invited via the Q&A feature. Motion passed via zoom poll results.

### Approve Treasurer's Report

**Motion 2020 Annual Meeting Treasurer's Report:** The 2019 Financial Cash Flow Summary and the Treasurer's Report were posted on the Oberlin Heritage Center website for public review prior to the meeting. Steve Johnson moved and Amy Chuang seconded to accept the 2019 Annual Meeting Treasurer's report. Questions were invited via the Q&A feature. Motion passed via zoom poll results.

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Gail thanked Board Treasurer Laurel Price Jones and the Finance Committee for their continued work and guidance.

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

Barb Enos shared the following slate of officers that was posted on OHC's website and 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 June, 2020 meeting.

- The following is proposed for re-election to 3-year term as trustee:
  - Amy Chuang
  
- The following are proposed for election to a 3-year term as new or returning trustees:
  - Meisha Baker
  - Lori Ebihara
  - Jiyul Kim
  - Ed Wardwell
  - Father Brian Wilbert
  
- The following is proposed for election to 2-Year Officer term:
  - Laurel Price Jones for a full 1<sup>st</sup> term as Treasurer

This slate comes as a motion that has been made and seconded by the Board of Trustees. Motion carried via Zoom poll voting.

In February the Board of Trustees also voted to confer honorary trustee status on two individuals.

Judy Cook  
Marly Merrill

Barb thanked both for their years of service and continuous dedication to the mission of the Oberlin 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.

**Program Introduction**

Ken Grossi, Oberlin Heritage Center Board First Vice President, introduced guest speaker Amy Margaris, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Oberlin College. Her topic, the "Oberlin

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Museum” focused on the history of Oberlin’s unique ethnographic collection that still remains at the college.

**Oberlin Heritage Center Updates**

Ken welcomed Executive Director Liz Schultz to share OHC updates. Liz thanked Amy and shared some upcoming events, including the re-opening of the Heritage Center as pandemic conditions improved. She also thanked all the volunteers, interns, members, funders and staff.

**Farewell and Thank You**

Liz invited Board President Gail Wood back to thank presenter Amy Margaris. She also thanked Brittnei Sherrod for organizing the Annual Zoom Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Enos, Board Secretary