

HTBA Quarterly Meeting

Q1 2023

01/10/2023

7:00PM

Zoom & 62 Hamilton Terrace

Meeting called by:	President William Geddes	Type of meeting:	Quarterly Meeting
Facilitator:	Chelsea John and Liz Wolfe		
Board Members Present:	President: William Geddes Treasurer: Liz Wolfe Member-at-large: Mary Ellen Kail Vice President: Chelsea John Secretary: Quinn Clark		

Report of Officers

Reading of Previous Minutes	Presenter:	Quinn Clark
Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Liz Wolfe

N/A

President Welcome.

Agenda Item 1 - Nominations for HTBA	Presenter:	Chelsea John
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Discussion: Online nomination: Mary Kail Ellen for President; Liz Wolfe for Treasurer

-We'll make 1/30th as the deadline for nominations.

-New Position: Events Chairperson

-Liz: A way to enlist the generosity and efforts of neighbors. Not a board position.

Do we want to note that Harry Marte said he would step up for this position? (I know it's further down in the doc).

Agenda Item 2 - Block Budget (2023)	Presenter:	Liz Wolfe
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Discussion:

From 2022, under budget. Fewer parties, block beautification, and events. On budget for rat remediation. Spent more than usual on digital communication, etc. (Wix, Zoom, etc.)

Money in: \$6000 from film studio, dues, and donations.

"Sponsorship" = donations.

Chelsea: Has anyone offered to sponsor anything, such as Mutt Mitts? Liz: Not yet.

Liz: What adjustments to the budget should we make? Derek, who had lots of movie rentals in his home, has moved away, and so we should expect less revenue in the future.

Concerns were raised that because the Mutt Mitts get stolen in bulk by dog walkers, we should not include them in the 2023 budget. There was general agreement, and it was proposed to evaluate any changes to this line item in one year.

-Beautification (\$150)

Chelsea John proposed to keep the budget as is. Liz Wolfe seconded. Might be Spring or Fall Clean-up events.

-Rat Remediation

Concerns were raised that Suburban Pest is still coming regularly since we are paying monthly fees. Billy Geddes indicated that they usually contact him and are presumably filling them. Suggested that we contact them for an update now and again. Questions were raised about bringing cats back on the block and whether we could set the traps ourselves. It was determined that cats are not feasible and we could consider in the future to fill our own traps.

Agenda Item 3 - Quarterly Updates	Presenter:	William Geddes
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Discussion:

Billy: No substantive updates, but a general rallying cry for more engagement.

Billy: Donations and dues can now be made via PayPal.

Quinn: We now have information about the church sale via The Harlem Patch.

Agenda Item 4 - Community Forum	Presenter:	William Geddes
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Discussion:

Laura: Called 311 about tree wells in front of the church. 311 was responsive and hassled the owners about.

Harry: Can volunteer as Events Chairperson.

Roshanna: Is there a directory of HTBA members? Chelsea: Due payers, yes.

-145/146th St Building

Liz: Any updates? Everyone: None.

-Neighborhood Party

Liz: Liz, Aude hosting one! Jan. 28th evening (around 6pm). Not going to publicize widely, but rather word-of-mouth.

Mary: Porch Pirate is back. Called the precinct. Will follow up with them. Will circulate picture of him.
Quinn: Seems like there are regulars, and so talking amongst each other could be helpful.

- "No Loiter" sign near 57?

Aude: Is there a sign there? Others: no.