

**Minutes: Press Club, Board Meeting Tuesday, August 11th, 2015**

**PRESS CLUB  
11, 2015**

**BOARD MEETING Date: AUGUST**

**Location: Press Club board room;**

**7:05 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**President: Thom Wright;**

**Secretary: David Donaldson; Treasurer: Cynthia Stepleton;  
Director: Steve Satchwell; Director: Erin Debenport; Director:  
Ken Hargis; Director: Kristen Elliott; Director: Adam Di Aloe**

**Manager: Maynard Cowan**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Vice President: Kouri Antinone; Director: Jim Riordan**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Apartment: repairs: Thom replaced vinyl cooler line with copper. He reported that the apartment still needs some work. He referred to tile and floor repairs in the kitchen. He mentioned that the living room may also need attention depending on the condition of the wood.**

**Thom reminded the board members that our next meeting in September, will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. September 15th.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Vice President's Report: (Kouri Aninone.) Kouri not present.**

**.Treasurer's Report: (Cynthia Stepleton.) Sales down a bit since June; but it's generally acknowledged in the restaurant business**

that sales drop in July. However, sales indicate an increase from last June. Cynthia indicated that she is looking into gas and water bills; some discrepancies between due date and payment date have resulted in entries showing up on different months. Debit from Bank charges have been removed, (the bank doesn't charge us) There were three pay periods in July, so some of the records are somewhat off centered.

**Secretary's Report: (David Donaldson)** Thanks to Ken and Thom for reviewing last months minutes and suggesting corrections.

**Manager's Report: (Maynard Cowan)** Sales are up for August and that will continue to grow since several private events are scheduled this month. The club's new bartender Ben Eaglin working out just wonderfully. Seth's going away party a huge success. Maynard reported that he revised the bartenders work schedules.

**Membership Report: (Adam DiAloe)** This was Adam's first report as membership chair. He presented a list of nine potential members; Seven members were purged for non renewal. Without objection all nine potential members approved. Thom reminds the board that we need to increase membership; He urged board members to try to recruit. While on the subject of membership, Ken asked for the definition of bonafide guest. Musicians are considered temporary "members" when performing for special events. However, it is illegal for anyone to just walk into the club and ask the bartender to "sign him or her in" as guest. Members need to notify the club manager or bartender to use the sign-in sheet whenever an invited guest is visiting club. Bartenders can maintain an "invitation list" for prospective members. The issue is really all about the liquor laws. While outsiders can look around the building, they may not be served liquor.

Erin questions whether the club would consider student rates. General consensus is that \$150 is reasonable enough even for a

student, however if the student is part of the journalism department, he or she would qualify for the journalist rate.

**Web & Media Report: (Ken Hargis)** Not too much to report. The Facebook beacon has been set-up but patrons need to be in the building in order to receive messages.

**Social: & Media Report: (Kristin Elliott)** Kristen presented a thoughtful issue to the board. Can we come up with some way to promote the club as a historical house. It wouldn't be advertising the Press Club itself, but it could draw attention to the club without compromising the advertising restriction.

**Art committee: (Kouri Antinone)** Kouri not here.

**Audit Committee: (Jim Riordan)** Thom reported for Jim. Thom advised the board that he and Bobby recognize that there is a backlog and some monitoring work that will need to be done by the treasurer.

**Bldg. and Grounds. (Thom Wright)** Thom emphasized the need for Press Club members to get involved in maintenance. Cynthia has been talking to friends about grant raising. Thom advised the board that he'd tried in the past, but wasn't so successful. Cynthia indicated that her focus would be specifically on the historical and architectural aspect of the club. Erin commented that she is very familiar with grant writing, and might be able to provide some advice.

**Community Liaison: (David Donaldson)** David reported that he attended the Huning Highland neighborhood association picnic and has been attempting to get new members; two members of the Neighborhood Association have already joined the club.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS;**

**New business; Nominating committee;** Thom stressed that the we really need board members who will provide real services.

**Some of the board positions require certain skills. Auditing; computer; and so forth. But what we are really looking for is someone who can get involved with building maintenance.**

**Thom feels that the board needs to consider whether we should keep the social committee as one of our official categories. Erin thinks that we could set up a model where the individual proposing an event can decide whether or not to promote it as a social event. Another possibility is to put together an ad-hoc committee for special events.**

**Thom appointed, and board approved, Kristen and Ken as members on the nomination committee. Ideally, we would like to have names of potential candidates (volunteers) by November board meeting. Thom requests that the nominating committee write up something about our need for next year's board members and send it via E-mail to all on the mailing list.**

**David made a Motion to adjourn; Cynthia seconded.**

**Motion accepted. Adjourned at 8:03 PM.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by: David Donaldson, Secretary**