



**EMAN Board Meeting
Minutes
March 4, 2020 | 7:00PM
United Lutheran Seminary Board ~ Room #209**

Attendees: J. Amato, J. Autin, L. Bell, T. Cook-Artis, K. Crandall, B. Cullin, N. Curlett, M. Galvan, S. Kim, L. Klugman, K. O'Day T. Ranieri, J. Reed, B. Ritter, D. Tretina
Excused: K. Caldwell, K. Gudgeon, C. Lukasiewicz, M. Salamon, T. Thurman
Public Attendees: T. Chappelle, D. Grimes, A. Jarmon, J. Jarmon, H. Snead
Additional Attendee: N. Serejko ~ Executive Director

Executive Session

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

The Board went through and reviewed changes to the bylaws by sections:

- 4.1 – changed to a minimum of 10 Board Members and a maximum of 36
- 4.5 – Approved change
- 4.6 – clarification on what is considered volunteering: Active participation on committees, volunteering at EMAN events
- 4.9 – question on the purpose of having Emeritus and Honorary Board Members
- 6.1 – approved change
- 6.2 – approved change

General Session

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm

Minutes: Consent Agenda (Treasurer's Report and marketing Committee Report were accepted. The Minutes for February were accepted with addition to old business:

- Janet A mentioned that the EMAN office needs to be open at least twice a week

Executive Director's Report:

- Mt. Airy Day scheduled for May 2. Sponsorship letters have been sent out, and we have started follow-ups. Mt. Airy Day Committees are still looking for volunteers, and we will need volunteers for the day of the event.
- Mt Airy School Coalition filmed all schools except for AB Day, almost completing their work under the EMAN Community Fund Grant. The Coalition has been meeting with the Principals and discussing inclusion and mental health issues.
- Holy Cross won a grant from the Community Design Collaborative (CDC) to create a Sustainability Master Plan for Holy Cross Catholic Campus. On February 22, the group met for the second of three times. The CDC brought examples and ideas of sustainable designs for the campus and solicited feedback. The group is planning to meet with the school on campus to receive their input and then to meet for a third and last time with the task force.
- Mt Airy 2025. Mt. Airy CDC, EMAN, and WMAN piloted both the Block by Block and the individual property safety audits. Through the test, we found multiple changes that need to be made to both questionnaires and will be making the changes by our next Collaborative meeting. I am working on scheduling a meeting between WMAN, EMAN and Mt. Airy CDC to talk through the audits and our responsibilities.

Zoning Committee: 80 E. Sharpnack Street

- The Zoning committee held two official RCO Meetings for this property
- The Developer would like to build six housing units on this lot
- At the last Zoning Board Hearing, the Zoning Board (ZBA) wanted to deny the project, but the Developer stated they were willing to work with the neighbors on a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)
- The ZBA granted a 30-day hold for the Developer and Neighbors to work together
- A lot of time was lost when the Developer did not get the documents to the neighbors promptly. Once the neighbors did receive the documents, they were incorrect, and the neighbors felt they needed legal representation. The neighbors were able to get an attorney from the Public Interest Law Center to take the case pro bono. Since the neighbors did not have time to form an organization, they need EMAN to sign the Retainer.
- During the Board Meeting, Board Member Brian Cullin reviewed the contract, and a decision was made to sign the Retainer.

President's Report:

- ULS working group met on 2/12 and reviewed the Matrix and Cover letter
- The working group is planning to have a public meeting on March 24 in the Brossman Center at United Lutheran Seminary at 7 pm before submitting both the Cover letter and the Matrix to ULS
- The President corrected her statement on the background of the "Toast to Mt Airy". She missed spoke about the significance of the event; It was not initially designed as a fundraiser but a platform to honor the Community Grant honoree.
- Jimmie R. further explained the event's purpose and how it came to existence.
- Jimmie R. stated that he first created the Toast event, along with Larry and Elayne, to give homage to the grant awardees.
- This signature event was initially designed to celebrate the grantees and to provide PR for the organization
- The fundraising piece was added to the event
- The event started to make EMAN seem more removed from the neighborhood

Old Business:

- The Membership Committee would like to begin sending out cards. The Board approved the Membership committee budget of \$575.

New Business:

- The residents of Sharpnack Street would like to see more Police Patrol on the Block by the 14th Police District. EMAN will reach out to the Captain.

Public Safety and Place-Making:

- **Need more members** to join the committee.
- There are currently only four committee members.
- Currently planning to host its first quarterly meeting in March.
- Survey development (with the Collaborative) is ongoing.
- Previous physical conditions survey assessment (2016) will be disseminated to the Board to review. The new survey should serve as a follow-up and not overlap with the previous survey.
- Pleasant Playground Advisory Council's Keep Mt. Airy Beautiful Committee is hosting an event on March 7:

- 9-10a- Groundbreaking for Pleasant Playground community garden. 10-11a- meeting/open house.
- Great opportunity for EMAN to engage with the community.

Special Events Committee: No Report.

Grants: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm