

9-11-24 HG Foundation Notes

Heather Gardens Foundation Notes September 11, 2024 Meeting.

1. Three members of the committee were present: Chairperson Eloise Laubach, Becky Cole, and Terry Schumacher, establishing a quorum.
2. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.
3. Chair comments: Eloise updated us on her health, mentioning she was going to see an orthopedic surgeon tomorrow.
4. The Financial Report was not available at this time as Carrie is deeply involved in the budget process at present. The Foundation received one \$50 donation this month.
5. We addressed New Business first on the agenda in order to allow Matt Martella to participate and leave for other items in his schedule.
6. New Business: Each member has reviewed the information previously emailed by Matt concerning the Jellyfish Lighting Estimate to replace the current holiday lighting in the Clubhouse. The total estimate was \$33,975. There was discussion about whether to spend such a large amount on a single project. Finally, it was approved using the following rationale and caveats:
 - a . The lights will pay for themselves in approximately 3 years: 1. The lights are installed permanently on tracks, cutting the cost of labor, which can then be used in other ways in Matt's department. 2. Reduction in costs for annual replacement of bulbs and light strings. 3. LED lights use less electricity, making them cheaper to operate and more environmentally sound.
 - b . Other benefits to our community: 1. Less risk to members of Matt's staff climbing up on the slippery roof of the Clubhouse every winter. 2. The Jellyfish Lights can be used year-round for other events and holidays, not just for Christmas. 3. They will complement a guiding principle of the Foundation Committee, which is providing "Community Enhancement for all members of the Heather Gardens Community."
 - c . Caveats: 1. They be installed in time for the Christmas Holiday, 2024. 2. Matt Martella will be contacting Jellyfish Lighting and ask if we can get a discount in exchange for allowing them to use photos of our lighting for marketing purposes. Matt agreed to do that and get back to Eloise before the next HGMD Board Meeting.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Combining Categories on the Donation Summary was discussed, and the decision about the name of the categories was postponed until after the first of the year.
 - b. It was decided that we will add a discussion of Fund Raisers for the Foundation to our next agenda.
8. No Residents requested to speak on non-agenda items.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.