

Goshen Farm Preservation Society Board Meeting, November 17, 2021

The February 17, 2021, March 17, 2021, April 21, 2021, and May 26, 2021 Meetings were held via ZOOM and recorded by the Secretary. The June 16, 2021 and July 21, 2021 Meetings were held at the CSCIA Main Room. The August 18, 2021, September 15, 2021, October 20, 2021, and November 17, 2021 Meetings were held via ZOOM.

Called by:	GFPS Board	Type of Meeting:	Board of Directors
Facilitator:	Louis Biondi	Recorder:	Sharon Biondi
Date:	November 17, 2021	Time: 7:30	7:44 PM
Location:	Via ZOOM	.	
BOD Attending:	Louis Biondi, Roy Benner, Becky Benner, Sharon Biondi, Terry Brandon, Barbara Morgan, Erik Wallace, Linda Paez, Bob Nestruck and Christy Folderauer		
Members/ Guests Attending:			

- 1) Call to Order and welcome of Board Members. President Louis Biondi called the November 17, 2021 Board Meeting to order at 7:44 PM. The Meeting was held via ZOOM.
- 2) Lou requested changes or additions to the agenda from Board Members.
 - a) Roy Benner asked that consideration of continuing Economy Pest Control services for rodent problem, item b.
 - b) Becky Benner asked to discuss PayPal’s Giving Fund, item c.
- 3) Review of Minutes – October 20, 2021
 - a) Review of the October 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.
 - i) **Becky Benner made a motion to approve the October 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes with edits. Barbara Morgan seconded. The motion carried.**
- 4) President’s Report – Louis Biondi (Report as submitted)
 - a) As an update to his report, Lou stated that he had sent Barbara Morgan a copy of the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County (ACAAC) requirements for announcing or publicizing the award of their \$1,500.00 grant to GFPS for publishing an update of the book, Goshen Farm. In short, ACAAC must see all announcements prior to sending out to GFPS Members and the public.
- 5) Vice President’s Report Erik Wallace (Provided under separate cover)
 - a) No updates
- 6) Treasurer’s Report - Christy Folderauer (No Financial Report submitted)
 - a) Christy reported that GFPS has \$80,988.58 in Savings, Checking and PayPal account. Christy and QuickBooks consultant, Sharon Smith, will be meeting on Monday, December 6th to streamline the QuickBooks Chart of Accounts for GFPS and entering all financial data into this streamlined Chart of Accounts for GFPS to review at the December 15, 2021 Board Meeting.

- b) Christy also reported that all the financial data is on the computer donated to GFPS by Michael Buchet. Christy would like to go on-line with her financial reports so that Board Members can access this information. Board Members will be able to access and view “customer” information and generate reports for their own use but will not be able to add or change any data.
 - c) Lou asked Christy to research the additional cost from QuickBooks for this on-line information access. **(Action Item:478-11-21)**
 - d) Related to Becky Benner’s addition to the Agenda regarding the Giving Fund, Christy gets a monthly report from PayPal on the Giving Fund total, but the report gives no names of donors. This concern by Becky specifically relates to donations for the Nature Play Space; some of which came through the Giving Fund. This concern will be further discussed under New Business, item 3.
- 7) Committee Reports
- a) Building & Maintenance (Vacant)
 - b) Communications – Barbara Morgan (Report as submitted)
 - i) Barbara had no additions to her report.
 - c) Educational Outreach Committee - Terry Brandon (Report as submitted)
 - i) Terry stated that a Harbor School student has requested to do 45 hours of volunteer work at Goshen Farm. His mother, Dr. Dana Semos, lives across the street from Goshen Farm.
 - ii) Terry stated that his conversion to hydroponics in the Hoop House continues.
 - d) Events – Erik Wallace (Report as submitted)
 - i) Erik reported that he had volunteers come to the Farm and they built 9 “quilt boxes” for the 9 active bee hives.
 - ii) Erik also reported that he had money to give to Christy from the sale of honey in 2021.
 - e) Financial Development - Lou Biondi (Report included in President’s Report)
 - f) Garden - Bob Nestruck (Report as submitted)
 - i) Bob corrected his report to state that Sharing Garden plot 53 is available to rent.
 - ii) Bob, Diane Kinsley, Tracy Smith and other volunteers have been working on luffa squashes and soaps and various jalapeno sauces to sell as a fundraiser. They will announce a sale date to be held at the Farm when they have arranged a date.
 - g) Grounds – Roy Benner (Report as submitted)
 - i) Roy reported that David (Davey) Kaiser, Boy Scout Troop 995, completed his Eagle Scout Project. David completed rebuilding a new walkway from the Tenant House to the gravel parking lot.
 - h) History & Research - Scott Powers (No report submitted)
 - i) Membership -Becky Benner (Report as submitted)
 - i) Since 2012 Becky stops the new Membership total at the end of August (as we decided by Board agreement that if a Member joined in September through December that membership would be valid through the next year.) Counting these carryover Members, we have 238 Membership Units for 2021 as of this Meeting.
 - j) Members at-large

- i) Linda Paez stated that she put a “blurb” in the November GFPS Newsletter seeking interested volunteers to help create and or participate in a Docent Program at Goshen Farm.
 - ii) With regards to locating information on slaves who worked at Goshen Farm and gathering other historical information related to life on the Broadneck Peninsula, Linda reached out to Pastor Stephen Tillett of Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church (ABUMC). With the pastor’s help, Linda was able to contact Maddie _____. There is a Zoom meeting scheduled on December 1st at 6 pm. Those interested in attending should email Linda Paez for the log-on information.
 - iii) Lou Biondi gave Linda Elinor Thompson’s name. Elinor Thompson is a Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. This may serve as an introduction for GFPS to ABUMC.
- 8) Review of Action Items and Recurring Action Items
- a) As relates to **(Action Item: 471-10-21)**, Ask Shannon if GFPS can have a link to Weather Underground on our website. Shannon stated that “Weather Underground” needs the Station ID number, the key, and a “Weather Underground” Account for Shannon to put a link on our website. Bob will also need to investigate the cost of having a “Weather Underground” Account. Add this information to this action.
 - b) **(Action Item: 472-10-21)**, Notify the Gardeners on the new Sharing Garden Facebook page and email that Goshen Farm has a “carry in-carry out” policy and they need to take discarded gardening items home to dispose of. Bob needs to hold sending out this information until January, 2022 when the Sharing Garden plots are renewed, and vacated plots are rented.
 - c) Secretary will keep this in as a reminder for the Treasurer until the Board knows that this has been verified by the Treasurer. As relates to completed **(Action Item: 453-05-21)**, Lou reminded Christy that based on his research, GFPS’s Treasurer will need to File a **Maryland Annual Update of Registration Form by April, 2022** but no later than August 2022 as we will have met the \$25,000.00 threshold when GFPS files taxes for 2021. Additional forms may need to be filed. A call to Charities and Legal Services Division at 410-974-5534 to verify this is recommended. The email is dlcharity_sos@maryland.gov.
- 9) On-going Business
- a) Arts Council of Anne Arundel County Grant to GFPS
 - i) Lou reported that he had submitted the grant application to the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County (ACAAC) in late October for the matching grant to edit and print the revised book, Goshen Farm. He received a confirmation letter from April Nyman, Executive Director of ACAAC on November 11, 2021 that GFPS had been approved for the \$1,200.00 matching grant. The grant period is from December 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- 10) New Business
- a) Finalize GFPS commitment for participating in Maryland Day and notify Four Rivers Heritage Area (FRHA).

i) After discussion the Board agreed to hold a Maryland Day event on Saturday, March 26, 2022 from 10am-2pm. Lou will send the details to Carol Benson, FRHA by Friday, November 19, 2021.

b) Economy Pest Control

(a) As we still have a rodent problem at Goshen Farm Roy feels that we need to have Economy Pest Control put out more traps once a month. Roy will get the price for this increase in traps and service and report back to the Board for consideration. **(Action Item: 479-11-21)**

c) PayPal Giving Fund

(a) Christy will contact PayPal to see if GFPS can get a report on the Giving Fund that gives the names of donors. **(Action Item: 480-11-21)**

(b) Becky and Roy will speak with Stefanie Schwenk, planner and coordinator of the Nature Play Space project, regarding the need to keep track of all donations to the project and reporting these to the Treasurer. **(Action Item: 481-11-21)**

d) Giving Tuesday

(a) Becky had a question about "Giving Tuesday". Barbara Morgan will reach out to the group Giving Tuesday.org to investigate whether GFPS is on their list of charities and how this program works. Giving Tuesday is November 30th. **(Action Item: 482-11-21)**

11) Review of New Actions Items from the Meeting

a) New Action Items were reviewed.

12) Comments from the Floor

a) Barbara stated that she can list and track Action Items in Little Green Light (LGL). The Board agreed to have this information included in LGL.

b) Barbara mentioned the spinner wheel that we have stored. It is heavy and hard to transport. Roy and Bob thought it would be easier if we constructed legs on the wheel and they will investigate this change. There was a brief discussion about what events could include the wheel such as the Strawberry Festival booth, Open Houses -spin for plant seedlings, etc.

c) Erik asked Lou if he had sent out the RFP for sealing the House. Lou responded that he had not and needs to contact David Weir again for information on his status.

d) Terry suggested that GFPS share flyers with other FRHA sites regarding Maryland Day events. When Lou knows which heritage sites are participating, he will consider this suggestion.

13) Adjournment

a) **Becky Benner made a motion to adjourn, and Barbara Morgan seconded. The motion carried.**
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.