



AB TIMES

**NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD
OF STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC.**

FEBRUARY 2020

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, February 10, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. Contact Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050 if you cannot attend. Please note the date change!

AB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020. Manor House Music Room, Social at 9:30 a.m. (no refreshments), Program at 10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Sean Joyce, President & CEO of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.

Topic: The State of the Estate

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year of the past 5 years I've made a personal pledge to clean out my closets and organize my office in the first quarter of the year with the "extra" time I have from not volunteering every Wednesday at the Manor House. Well, it hasn't happened yet. I hope you are putting your "extra" time this first quarter of the year to good use.

While reviewing the December minutes for this newsletter I was reminded of the lovely tribute the Auxiliary Board received from the City of Akron, Summit County, and State of Ohio. If you didn't get a good look at the Proclamations, we received in the December meeting at Portage Country Club, you can view the framed documents in the Admissions trophy case anytime. It was gratifying to have CEO, Sean Joyce pledge to recognize the critical role our organization has taken throughout the years on the Estate by pledging to install a plaque that will memorialize the AB's contributions. Our AB is a powerful advocate and you provide that power through your passion, your devotion, and your time.

This year for the first time, the AB will enjoy an exclusive shopping day at Molly's incredible February sale, thereby giving our members first shot at the

substantially marked down inventory. AB members will have access to shop the sale one day prior to the sale opening to the public. Mark your calendars for Monday, February 10th to shop Molly's Sale. The sale will continue the 11th through the 13th when it will be open to the public.

Another "privilege" our AB enjoys is the opportunity to meet in the Manor House Music Room. The Music Room is the perfect setting to hear all about the results of 2019 and the details of the 2020 season from CEO, Sean Joyce during our February 26th meeting.

If you are in Ohio, I hope to see you at both the exclusive AB Sale day at Molly's Shoppe on February 10th, in the store during the sale, and also at the General Membership meeting in the Manor House February 26th. If you are not in Ohio, I hope you are putting your "extra" time this quarter to good use enjoying sunshine, friends, and family.

Sincerely,

Elise Bennett

President

Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.

SALE * SAVINGS * SALE * SAVINGS * SALE * SAVINGS

Molly's February Sale is TUESDAY, February 11th through FRIDAY, February 14th.

For the first time ever AB Members will have an opportunity to shop the sale **FIRST on MONDAY, February 10th.**

This is the sale we all love to shop with items from \$0.25 up to 70% OFF. The sale will be open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 10-4 so tell your friends and neighbors to shop Molly's and snap up the great deals on clothing, jewelry, gift items, books, garden items and so much more!

VICE PRESIDENT

We look forward to welcoming you to our first regular meeting of the new year! On February 26, 2020 we will meet in the Manor House Music Room to hear the State of Estate update from Sean Joyce, President and CEO of SHH&G. Tram service will be available; please note there will be no refreshments during the social. There will be a sweet treat to take home! The snow date, if there is inclement weather, will be February 27, 2020 at the same time and location.

Assistant Treasurer

Please be advised that dues can be paid at the upcoming Auxiliary Board meeting scheduled for February 26, 2020. Payment is being accepted for members who have overlooked paying their dues.

Also, please remember to keep your Stan Hywet membership current. All members must maintain a continued Stan Hywet membership.

Helyn Docs

Corresponding Secretary

Please let me know of any members who should be receiving get well, sympathy cards , etc. Also keep me informed of change of address, phone, and email.

The dead line for the March AB Times will be Saturday, February 29, 2020.

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Vintage Finds

Word has it, that clutter can have a negative impact on your life- not only creating stress but also making it worse. Please think of us as you declutter. Just bag or box the items, label it Vintage Finds, and take it to Admissions. Make sure you write your name and address on a sheet of paper inside. I will send you a letter confirming your donation. If it is a larger item, leave a message on the Vintage Finds voicemail: 330-315-3245 and we will make arrangements.

Also, if you are interested in joining the Vintage Finds team, please give me a call at 330-869-0085.

Looking forward to our AB meeting,

Michele Pringle

Co-Chair of Vintage Finds

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 18, 2019 – PORTAGE COUNTRY CLUB

CALL TO ORDER: President Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. She reminded members to silence their cell phones.

PROGRAM: Julie Frey, SHH&G Curator, gave a presentation on “The Seiberlings and Social Clubs.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the November 2019 General Meeting were approved as published.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Amy Prather) For the period ending November 30, 2019: Beginning balance \$1002.22; Income \$0; Expenses: \$172.03; Ending balance \$830.19. Memorial Fund: 2,333.82 (\$150.00 was received in memory of Polly Carson).

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (Mary Kay Danckaert) A Get Well card was sent to Vicki Steele. A Thinking of You card was sent to Kathy and Bruce DeBarr. Please keep me informed about changes in address, phone numbers, and emails.

There will be no AB Times in January. The deadline for articles for the February AB Times newsletter is Friday, January 31, 2020. Please contact me if you are not receiving your newsletter.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: (Jane Delcamp) 87 people attended the meeting (63 Actives, 13 Sustainers, and 11 Guests.)

ASSISTANT TREASURER: (Helyn Docs) As previously mentioned, dues have increased to \$25 for Active and Provisional members. Sustainer dues remain at \$25. The deadline for payment is February 2, 2020. Checks are payable to: Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Inc., and should be mailed to Helyn K Docs, 392 Stone Bridge Drive, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. You may also pay dues at today’s luncheon. The checks will not be deposited until January 1, 2020, as they must be recorded next year to avoid having them credited to the present year.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: (Dianne Kauffman) Dianne presented highlights from the minutes of the May 15, 1995, WAB General Meeting.

CRAFTS: (Nancy Daniels): Committee activities will resume in February.

FINANCE: (Amy Prather) No Report.

HOSPITALITY: (Barb Wulff) No Report.

MEMBERSHIP: (Ciaran Reilly) The following new Active members from the Provisional Class of 2019 were introduced and welcomed today: **Denise Abood** (sponsor Kirklyn Kuzdrall), **Fran Cheek** (sponsor Jackie Sonderman), **Debbie Cowart** (sponsor Carol Brockenbraugh), **Barbara Faulkner** (sponsor Karen Hoffstetter), **Janice Fisher** (sponsor Jim Urban), **Barb Hughey** (sponsor Amy Prather), and **Eileen Simon** (sponsor Millie Telford.) **Rachelle Coleman** (sponsor Ken Nilesestuen) was unable to attend, but was also welcomed to Active membership.

NOMINATING: (Jason Woodruff) The Nominating Committee presented a slate of 6 candidates to be voted on to serve on the Membership Committee for 2020 and 2021 (a 2-year term). Three of the six are to be elected. Candidates are Cindy Bruning, Gretchen Gibson, Linda Hecker, Sandra Hollis, Madeline Milford, and Karin Warner.

OHIO MART: (Darby Ashelman) The 2019 Ohio Mart financial report was distributed. OM 2020 is still in need of a Sweepstakes Chair; contact Darby if interested in serving in this important position.

PROGRAMS: (Susie Wallace) Thanks to the Program Committee, Jennifer Thomas, and Stan Hywet staff for decorations provided today. See you in the Manor House Music Room to listen to Sean Joyce at the February General Meeting.

PROPERTIES: (Roberta Searle) No Report.

PUBLICITY: (Char Bolek) No Report.

REVIEW/PLANNING: (Millie Telford) No Report.

VOLUNTEERS: (Char Bolek) No Report.

YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS: (Joanne Karm) No Report.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: (Hugh West) No Report.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: (Cindy Bruning)

- Jeanne Wingard started on Reflections transcription on Nov 19th. Debby Senko started on the Foundation Records on Dec 5th. George finished his internship on Dec 13th.
- There will be a DTH follow-up to debrief about decorating days and opportunities for improvement. We will be reorganizing containers in the rooms to prepare for de-decking in January. We will reorganize the Trunk Room to make space for new decorations and bulbs.
- A sign-up sheet for winter cleaning is in the Break Room; many people have already signed up. A group email invitation will be sent out. Barb is planning a schedule to work around ACO programming and possible floor grouting.
- The DAR grant application will be submitted by the end of the year. It is to be used for architectural drawing conservation and digitization which will be installed in a new Dark Room exhibit. Painters are coming in for quotes on the Gate Lodge and on Virginia's Bedroom.
- Barb and Tom have updated the evacuation routes with primary and secondary routes, and have updated all safety equipment. Mike Weiss is working on updating the maps.
- Mike, Tom, and Chloe will finalize the "I Spy" activity. Tom will be participating in a job fair in the spring.

GARDEN: (Pam Kotsalief) Although the Great Garden is sleeping until spring, the Garden Committee is staying active. The committee helped Horticulture with the Poinsettia delivery. We helped unload, unwrap, and place the flowers that are being sold during Deck the Hall. The attic and the main floor of Ebe House have been cleaned up

and organized. After Deck the Hall is over, the Garden Committee will separate and roll up the Christmas lights that Horticulture takes down.

GILDE: (Barb Vargo) No Report.

MOLLY'S SHOP: (Barb Van Fosson) No Report.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS: (Sean Joyce)

- There's been a great response to Deck the Hall so far this season.
- 170 people attended the Great Assembly.
- Unfortunately, Antiques Roadshow has backed out of filming at Stan Hywet. However, Martha Stewart Living will be featuring Stan Hywet in their April issue, which will focus on gardens.
- Friends thanks outgoing Chair Millie Telford and welcomes incoming Chair Scott Biddinger, and welcomes new 2nd Vice Chair Janice Fisher.
- A great Ohio Mart this year means that the AB has achieved its fund-raising goal of over \$6,000,000.
- Governor Mike DeWine and County Executive Ilene Shapiro proclaimed Wednesday, December 18, 2019 as Auxiliary Board Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Day, in honor of the AB's contribution of over 1 million volunteer hours and over six million dollars to Stan Hywet. John Valle, assistant to Mayor Dan Horrigan, and Sean Joyce offered a toast to AB members.
- Sean stated that in the spring Stan Hywet will be making a dedication recognizing the AB.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The results of the Membership Committee election were announced. Cindy Bruning, Madeline Milford, and Karin Warner were elected to serve a 2-year term in 2020 and 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteers who would like to be part of a Mingle, Learn, and Join Special Committee contact Elise Bennett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The February Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 10**, at 9:30 am in the Wolle Building.
- Next General Meeting – **Wednesday February 26, 2020**. Coffee at 9:30 am, Business Meeting at 10:00 am, Manor House Music Room. Program: Sean Joyce presents "The State of the Estate." Tram service will be provided; heat will be on. In case of inclement weather, the snow date will be announced in the February Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:23 am. The annual Holiday Luncheon followed the meeting.

Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Recording Secretary