



**AB TIMES**

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

**MARCH 2020**

**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, March 16, 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, March 25, 2020. Carriage House Reception Hall, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m.

Presenters: Nancy Stanforth and Susie Wallace, AB Members

Topic: 1920s Fashion in the Rubber City

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

At the *State of the Estate* presentation in our February meeting CEO Sean Joyce shared everything being planned for this 'Winds of Change' year. There is no doubt it's an exciting time to be involved as a volunteer at Stan Hywet. The female artisan 'wind catcher' creations to be installed in the garden in May and the high caliber auto auction to be combined with the Molto Bella car show in September are both new this year. The Speak-Easy themed *Gala* and *Off the Vine* events sound like lovely opportunities to enjoy a summer evening on the Estate with friends. The Campus Improvement Project (CIP) is scheduled to progress this year. This year the CIP will add 50 new parking places then more new parking will be added early next year for a total of 350 new on-site parking places! This will be such a great improvement especially during Deck the Hall events.

Look for the Carriage House Reception Room to be refurbished and for a renewed Gate House exhibit focusing on Henrietta Seiberling to be completed yet this Spring.

Before you know it, the Estate will be opening and all the excitement of the year will be upon us.

See you soon,

Elise Bennett

President

## **Vice President**

On March 25, 2020, Nancy Stanforth and I will speak about 1920s Fashion in the Rubber City. This will be the first talk of the year featuring the 2020 annual Stan Hywet theme, ***Winds of Change!*** Guests are always welcome.

## **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 April AB Times will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Mary Kay Danckaert

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## **Gilde**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments at 6:30 with the program at 7:00pm in the Carriage House Auditorium. The speaker is Chloe Wingard who will talk about her work vacation to England.

## **Nominating Committee**

For our March meeting, all members will be asked to vote on and elect our officers for the coming year. There are new candidates for Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, while Susie Gaebel Wallace will transition from Vice President to President. Bios for all of the candidates are included below.

President - Susie Gaebel Wallace

Vice President - Teri Woodruff

Recording Secretary – Kirlyn Kuzdrall

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Kay Danckaert

Assistant Secretary - Jane Delcamp

Treasurer - Amy Prather

Assistant Treasurer - Lee Meyer

Susie Gaebel Wallace

Susie has been a volunteer at Stan Hywet since 2010 in Collections and an AB member since 2011. She has also served on the Friends Council. For the AB, she has served as Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Nominating Chair, as well as heading the Program Committee. For Ohio Mart, she served as Chair in 2016 and 2017 and has been committee chair

for Ex Libris and Parking. In 2020, she will return as Ex Libris chair and serve as Ohio Mart Secretary. Outside of SHH&G, Susie lends her support to St. Francis de Sales Parish and Parish School for capital and annual fundraising, marketing and social media, and special events. She lives in the Portage Lakes with her son, Liam, and her interests include horseback riding, travel, and gardening.

#### Teri Woodruff

Teri is a native Akronite and resides in West Akron with her husband Jason and their two pups. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the school of fashion design at Kent State University. While there, Teri honed her design skills and spent a stint studying couture pattern making in Paris.

After spending over a decade working in the fashion industry, Teri redirected her career towards community event planning. She has worked for both the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. Currently she is serving as the donor event strategist for Summa Foundation as well as the creative director for her own event firm which she started in 2015.

Teri has also been a long-time volunteer in the Akron community serving on many different organizational boards including joining the Stan Hywet AB in 2011. During her time at Stan Hywet, she has been a member of Nominating & Placement, Friends Council, Ohio Mart committees including Admissions, Treasury and Sweepstakes. Most recently she served as the 2019 Ohio Mart Chair.

#### Kirklyn Kuzdrall

Kirklyn has been an AB member since 2004. She has served as Recording Secretary, Archives Chair, and on the Nominating and Ohio Mart Committees for the AB. This year she is serving on the Membership Committee. She is on the Friends Council, representing the Stan Hywet Historic Players. She has been a House Interpreter since 1998, and particularly enjoys participating in History First Hand, Murder in the Mansion, and the Education Department's Meet the Staff program. She has also volunteered for Deck the Hall, the Gate Lodge, Founders' Day and other events.

#### Mary Kay Danckaert

I was born and raised in West Akron not far from Stan Hywet. After teaching 15 years at St. Sebastian School and another 26 years in the Akron Public Schools, I retired in 2011. When I retired my husband, Frank, had already been volunteering as a guide at Stan Hywet and encouraged me to join the Auxiliary Board. I enjoy working with the Garden Committee and am gradually learning about flower arranging. I have previously served as the Membership Committee Chairman and as Assistant Secretary of the Auxiliary Board. I enjoy reading, crocheting, travel, and chauffeuring my grandchildren.

Jane Delcamp

I am a single female so have no stories of children or grandchildren. I've been a member of AB for many years and have served on the nominating and membership committees. In the summer I would help coordinate Tudor Times. I recently retired from being the Ohio Mart Volunteer Coordinator, a job I had for many, many years. Currently I volunteer for the Meet the Staff Program where I am the 1920 laundress, Eva Oberholtzer. I love to travel in the United States and have traveled to 49 states. I enjoy reading and cooking. I love animals, especially cats.

Amy Prather

I joined AB in 2009, served as AB treasurer from 2010-May 2017, also served as assistant treasurer in Ohio Mart through 2017. Currently I serve as AB treasurer , also member of membership committee, and taking on another challenge this fall to be Ohio Mart vice chair.

Enjoy traveling overseas, Asia, Europe, South America, some parts of Africa which included Safari. There are still plenty of places on my bucket list to check off. While I am not traveling, I enjoy exercise, going to the park and swimming whenever I get the chance. Also, enjoy herbal gardening, trying new, interesting recipes, enjoy reading and relaxing in my backyard watching deers and birds.

Lee Meyer

I first started volunteering in 2011 with the beverage tent during Ohio Mart. Subsequently I have volunteered in treasury for Ohio Mart. Other activities include the Father's day car show, Moto Bella and Akron Marathon. For the past three years I have worked in the manor house for Spring cleaning. When Springing cleaning is complete, I move outdoors and work in the gardens with Brian Gregory. I have an adopt a plot that includes the majority of row F. During Deck the hall, my partner Charles and I have provided five different train setups. Most notable was the Cedar Lodge display.

## **STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD**

### **REGULAR/GENERAL MEETING**

**February 27, 2020, MANOR HOUSE MUSIC ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Elise welcomed everyone and requested all in attendance to please silence their cell phones. Elise then called upon Vice President Susie Wallace to introduce our speaker.

Susie introduced President and CEO of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc., Sean Joyce

Following President Joyce's address, Susie presented Sean with an honorarium from the Auxiliary Board.

Following the speech, President Bennett proceeded with the Business Meeting.

**Treasurer:** (Amy Prather) Amy presented the following report:

December, 2019	January, 2020
Beginning Balance: \$830.19	Beginning Balance: \$0.00
Expenses: <u>\$379.71</u>	Income: \$2025.00 (Dues)
Ending Balance: \$450.48	Expenses: <u>\$00.00</u>
	Ending Balance: \$2025.00

Memorial Fund Balance: \$2,333.82

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** President Bennett asked if there were any corrections to the December 18, 2019 minutes. There were none. The minutes were approved as written.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Mary Kay Danckaert gave the following report:

Sympathy cards were sent to Robert Ulm on the death of his mother and to Pat Meyer on the death of a dear friend. A get well card was sent to Carol Seiberling.

The following change of address information was received for:

- Charlotte Staiger, 855 Summer Pkwy, #358, Copley, Ohio 44321
- Marjorie Thiell, c/o E. Thiell, 628 Mohawk Street, Columbus, Ohio 43206
- Annamae Harrison, 1150 West Market Street, Healthcare Center, Akron, Ohio 44313.

Mary Kay requested that she be informed of members who should be receiving cards from AB. Also she requested to be informed of change of address, etc. The deadline for articles for the March AB Times newsletter is Saturday, February 29, 2020.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Jane Delcamp gave the following report:

Attendance for today included: Active Members: 56    Sustainers: 3    Guests 5

For a total of 64. President Bennett requested that our guests please stand and introduce themselves.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Helyn Docs reported that she is collecting Dues at today's meeting for any members who missed the February 2, 2020 due date. Dues are \$25 for Active and Sustaining members. Helyn also reminded the membership to keep their Stan Hywet membership current as all members of AB must maintain a continued Stan Hywet membership.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**ARCHIVES:** Diane Kaufman gave a few Highlights of the WAB February, 1995 meeting. Diane mentioned that even 25 years ago AB was facing many of the same issues as we are today, such as: Increasing membership, and attendance to Stan Hywet.

**CRAFTS:** Chair Nancy Daniels provided the following report: The Craft Committee resumed regular meetings on February 5, 2020 and will continue weekly meetings at Ebe House on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. thru November 18, 2020.

In January the Craft Committee received a large donation of materials, year, sewing notions, etc. These donations are very welcome as they provide the committee with materials for their creations and lower expenses. Sometimes items donated also give the committee ideas for new creations. Nancy stated that the committee welcomes any suggestions you may have for a craft project.

**FINANCE:** Chair Kathy DeBarr submitted the Auxiliary Board End of the Year Report for 2019. The Auxiliary Board finished the year with a balance of \$450.48 in our operating fund. \$200 was donated to the Memorial Fund. We currently have:

\$2,233.82 in that fund. The balance of our operating fund was \$250.48. The Finance Committee recommended that the balance be donated to the Collections Department of Stan Hywet.

**HOSPITALITY:** ( Barb Wulff ) No Report

**NOMINATING:** In the absence of Chair Jason Woodruff, Elise Bennett gave the following report: The Committee is working hard to establish a list of Candidates for Officers that will be revealed at the March 25, 2020 AB General Meeting. Elise noted that if you are planning to nominate someone, you must have that person's permission BEFORE the March meeting. You must also inform Jason and Elise of your intentions to make said nomination.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chair Ken Nilsestuan reported that the Committee will be meeting immediately following today's AB Meeting.

**OHIO MART:** 2020 Ohio Mart Chair Darby Ashelman gave the following report:

One Committee Chair remains open – Sweepstakes. Jason Woodruff, recent past chair, has provided some recommendations to restructure Sweepstakes and make this a much simpler job to take on. Also Fran Cheek has volunteered to help with staffing for Sweepstakes and has already contacted workers who are not AB members. They want to return because they had such a good time at Ohio Mart.

Darby and Amy have met with staff to review the results of last year's Ohio Mart and discuss ways to improve this year's mart. The wrap-up reports of the Committee Chairs were used to share information and highlight issues.

Purchase Orders for Tents and Chairs/Tables have been submitted to take advantage of early discounts. Carol Brockenbrough has reworked the order forms for this year to make them clearer.

Tom Hrivinak, Valarie Still, Elise Bennett Charles Steiner and Darby met to consider changes to the Food Court arrangements of vendors to maximize our space, minimize customer lines and open up lines of sight. A good plan was developed. Charles, with Jennifer McDowell's help, is working on standardizing pricing and contracts for the food vendors.

Applications continue to come in at a good pace through Zapplication.

The first Ohio Mart Committee Meeting is Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-Noon. This meeting will be held in the Manor House Reception Room downstairs, tram service will be provided.

**PROGRAMS:** Vice President Susie Wallace gave the following report. Susie and Nancy Stanforth will speak about 1920's Fashion in the Rubber City. This will be the first talk of the year featuring the **Winds of Change** annual Stan Hywet Theme!

Guests are always welcome.

**PROPERTIES:** (Roberta Searle) No Report

**PUBLICITY:** (Char Bolek) No Report

**VOLUNTEERS:** Char Bolek reminded everyone to turn in their Off Site hours to Emma by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**REVIEW/PLANNING:** (Millie Telford) No Report

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

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** Hugh West reminded everyone to be sure to get your Stan Hywet license plates when you renew this year.

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES:**

**COLLECTIONS:** Cindy Bruning gave the following report:

The flagstone floor grout has been repaired and sealed. This took a few days longer than expected so cleaning was a little behind but will be done by the end of the week.

The tile in the Breakfast Room was installed and the grouting is complete. The tile was reproduced by a company in England at a much lower price than it could have been done here. If you remember, the Breakfast Room is the room that AB sponsored to be renovated. After the meeting stop in a take a peek.

The team is working on the 2020 theme of Social Change, The Winds of Change, developing exhibits to illustrate comparisons of social issues in 1920 with 2020.

Expect to see some exciting changes in tour routes and vignettes in some of the rooms.

**GARDEN:** Pamela Kotsalief gave the following report:

The Garden Committee and the Horticulture Staff have finished wrapping the Christmas lights from Deck the Halls. A celebratory breakfast, cooked by Horticulture, was held at the Ebe House.

The next event for the Garden Committee is called **The Big Dig**. It is held at the end of March. We are part of a group that helps Horticulture with dividing perennials from the Great Garden. After the plants are divided, they are planted into pots. The potted perennials will then be sold at the **Stan Hywet Plant Sale** that is held in May.

The Garden Committee will hold a small meeting on March 6 to discuss the agenda for our organizational meeting. The organizational meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the Ebe House.

**GILDE:** Barb Vargo gave the following report: The next Gilde Meeting will be held on March 17, 2020. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 with the Program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Chloe Wingard will speak on her working vacation to England.

**MOLLY'S SHOP:** (Barb VanFosson) No Report. Elise noted that she hoped everyone got a chance to shop for some bargains at Molly's sale earlier this month.

#### **STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES:**

**FRIENDS COUNCIL:** President Elise Bennett, noted that President and CEO Sean Joyce had presented his "State of the Estate" speech at Friends.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Elise Bennett said that we are looking for volunteers to be part of a Mingle, Learn, Join Special Committee to be held in April, 2021. If you wish to volunteer please contact Elise.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, March 16, 2020, 9:30 a.m.,Wolle Bldg.
- Next General Meeting, Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Carriage House Reception Hall – 1920’s Fashion in the Rubber City – social at 9:30 a.m., Program followed by meeting at 10:00

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:33 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Ann Stuyvesant (Substituting for Kirklyn Kuzdrall Recording Secretary)