



AB TIMES

**NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD
OF STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS**

NOVEMBER 2019

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, November 11, 2019, 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, November 20, 2019. Carriage House Auditorium, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00a.m.
Presenter: Nicole Mullet, Executive Director of ArtsNow
Topic: ArtsNow: Envisioning Arts & Culture in Summit County

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The dedication and commitment of our AB members and committees always amazes me! The Ohio Mart Steering Committee is beyond description in its leadership, sophistication, and effectiveness. Each sub Committee Chairperson is equally impressive organizing all their volunteers, supplies, and resources. The results speak for themselves and I look forward to celebrating the successful 2019 Ohio Mart with all the Steering Committee Chairmen at our wrap-up luncheon.

We were successful in topping \$6 Million of total funds raised by the Auxiliary Board in its 53 years presenting the Ohio Mart event!!! It will be wonderful to celebrate that milestone with all our members at the December luncheon. Be sure you have that December 18th luncheon date reserved on your calendar.

Our Review and Planning Committee, Yearbook and Bylaws Committee, and Executive Board have also been busy during the past few months evaluating and presenting an increase to our annual dues of \$5 for both Active and Provisional members (Sustaining members have no dues increase.). As most of you know the increase was passed by the membership at our October AB meeting and the increase will be effective for our 2020 dues payable by February 1st. Provisional, Active, and Sustaining members will now all pay dues of \$25.00.

I am honored to be President of our outstanding AB organization. Thank you all for your continuing efforts.

Sincerely,
Elise Bennett
President

VICE PRESIDENT

On November 20, 2019, we will welcome Nicole Mullet who is Executive Director of ArtsNow. She will share how ArtsNow and its partners envision culture and the arts in Summit County. Guests are always welcome!

Please save the date for our Christmas Luncheon on December 18, 2019 at Portage Country Club! Although our speaker will be a departure from our typical musical entertainment, I ensure that Julie Frey and the entire meeting will not disappoint! Due to a staffing change at Portage, the invitation will be forthcoming.

Corresponding Secretary

Please let me know of any change of addresses, status changes, and those needing to receive get well, sympathy, and other cards from AB. The deadline for the December AB Times will be Saturday, November 30 2019.

Mary Kay Danckaert

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Assistant Treasurer

Dues for AB are due by February 1, 2020

Gentle Reminder – Dues for 2020 will be collected at the December luncheon.

*Active, Provisional and Sustaining dues are \$25. Checks should be payable to: **Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Inc.***

Dues may be paid at any time prior to the December luncheon by mailing your check to the Assistant Treasurer:

Helyn K Docs, 392 Stone Bridge Dr., Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 23, 2019 – CARRAGE HOUSE RECEPTION HALL

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

PROGRAM: Ohio Mart chair Teri Woodruff presented a report on the highlights of Ohio Mart 2019. There were over 130 exhibitors, many of them new this year. A new attendance record was set on Saturday, and proceeds

from the Mart allowed the AB to achieve our goal of raising over \$6,000,000 to donate to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 2019 General Meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Amy Prather) For the period ending September 30, 2019: Beginning balance \$1378.58; Income \$0; Expenses: \$322.12; Ending balance \$1056.46. Memorial fund: \$2083.82.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (Mary Kay Danckaert) Sympathy cards were sent to Michele Pringle's husband Mike Santee on the death of his mother, to Alice Irish on the death of her husband Terry, and to the family of Timothy Patrick Jones, the vendor who died during Ohio Mart weekend. A get well card was sent to Carolyn Hahn.

Address change for Regina Kane: 1916 Brookshire Rd, Akron, OH 44313.

Status changes: Roberta Hawkins, Active to Sustainer; Lesley Waldman resigned. Please let Mary Kay know of any occasions requiring cards to members or their families, and keep her updated on address changes, etc.

Deadline for the October AB Times: Thursday, October 31, 2019

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: (Jane Delcamp) A total of 80 people attended the meeting (62 Actives, 6 Sustainers, 5 Provisionals, and 7 Guests.)

ASSISTANT TREASURER: (Helyn Docs) No Report.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: (Dianne Kauffman) Dianne presented notes from the minutes of The Wonderful World of Ohio Mart, 1994 (25 years ago.) Irene Seiberling Harrison (104 years old) attended the meeting that year, and signed copies of her book, "Not for Us Alone."

CRAFTS: (Nancy Daniels): No Report.

FINANCE: (Kathy DeBarr) No Report.

HOSPITALITY: (Barb Wulff) Today's hostesses are Provisional Denise Abood and Debbie Cowart.

Denise has been a Registered Nurse for 34 years. She has spent time volunteering in her church, her children's schools, and in her husband Jeff's ministry. She has been married to Jeff for 37 years and has two children – Nicholas and his wife Angie, and Athena and her husband Bob. They have two grandchildren, Moses and Atticus. Presently Denise Volunteers giving Manor House and Nooks and Crannies tours on Saturday.

Debbie is a graduate of the University of Akron. She is married with two children, two stepchildren, and eight grandchildren.

Debbie taught Business at Norton High School for 30 years and is now retired. Her husband, Jack, retired in 2016 and now they love to travel. Debbie is a member of T.W.I.G.S. (a support group for Children's Hospital). She is an officer in the Fairlawn City Women's Club, and volunteers weekly at Children's Hospital. Debbie is also a member of Friends of Children's Hospital.

Debbie has volunteered for several venues at the Ohio Mart and most recently was a Caboose at Murder in the Mansion.

Jenny Thomas provided the decorations today.

MEMBERSHIP: (Ciaran Reilly) As of today, we have 4 prospective Provisionals for the class of 2020. Provisional Volunteer Hours Worksheets are due at the next AB meeting on Nov. 20, 2019. 2019 Provisionals will be inducted at the December 18th AB meeting, to be held at Portage Country Club.

NOMINATING: (Jason Woodruff) The Nominating Committee will meet following today's general meeting.

OHIO MART: (Teri Woodruff) Darby Ashelman will do a great job next year as 2020 OM chair.

PROGRAMS: (Susie Wallace) Next month, on Nov. 20, Nicole Mullet, Executive Director of ArtsNow, will share how ArtsNow and its partners envision culture and the arts in Summit County. Guests are always welcome!

PROPERTIES: (Roberta Searle) No Report.

PUBLICITY: (Char Bolek) No Report.

REVIEW/PLANNING: (Millie Telford) No Report.

VOLUNTEERS: (Char Bolek) Remember to turn in your off-site hours and Ohio Mart hours (if you did not sign in) to Emma Rainear.

YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS: (Kathy DeBarr, speaking for Joanne Karm) **Motion:** On behalf of the Yearbook/Bylaws Committee, Kathy DeBarr moved that the Standing Rules be changed to raise the dues for Active members from \$20 to \$25, beginning in 2020. Kathy noted that dues have been the same since 2003. The Executive Board approved the change at the October Executive Board meeting, and the motion was presented to the general membership for approval. Motion passed.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: (Hugh West) 46 Stan Hywet license plates have been sold so far, generating \$600.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: (Cindy Bruning)

- Chloe organized a present wrapping event on Monday. About 12 volunteers wrapped 109 boxes ranging from refrigerator size to jewelry box size. They will be used in the Music Room where they will be stacked up to create a 10-foot high present-shaped tree.
- Deck the Hall: decorations are being pulled, and super-hero materials are starting to come in from staff and volunteers.
- Tour services staff member Emma Grosjean is volunteering in the Collections Dept., working on organizing and inventorying the photograph collection.
- Work has begun on 2020 planning for new exhibits in the Gate Lodge and the Manor House. The Gate Lodge will continue to tell the story of Henrietta Seiberling and the first meeting of Dr. Bob and Bill W., but it will be revamped and updated.
- The theme for 2020, "Winds of Change," will focus on the social changes taking place during the 1920's. The house will highlight such topics as immigration, suffrage, prohibition, the growth of Akron, and the expansion of communication.

GARDEN: (Michelle Blondel /Pam Kotsalieff) No Report.

GILDE: (Barb Vargo) Gilde members who are attending "And Then There Were None" at Weathervane on Nov. 3rd are reminded to pick up their tickets from Jim Urban. There may be a few seats left; contact Jim if you would like to attend.

The next Gilde meeting will be November 19, in the Carriage House Reception Room; program is a "surprise." Refreshments at 6:30 pm, program at 7:00 pm.

MOLLY'S SHOP: (Elise Bennett, reporting for Barb Van Fosson) The Member's Preview of Molly's Boutique held Oct.1 from 6-9pm was a lovely evening. Although attendance was a little less than expected we enjoyed a lovely setting in the great garden. We all enjoyed seeing the new clothing for fall. All the fashions from Molly's Tent for Ohio Mart are now back in the store. Both Molly's Boutique and the store itself did well during Ohio Mart. Mark your calendars for the Member Sale Wed. Oct 23 following our AB meeting where you will get 25% off your total purchases. Next major event will be Deck the Hall starting Friday Nov. 29 from 5-8pm. From Dec.1 through Dec. 30, Molly's will only be open from 1-4 and 5-8 for Deck the Hall. If you would like to volunteer at Molly's during Deck the Hall, please let Melanie (Molly's) or Emma know.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS: (Elise Bennett)

- May, August, and September minutes have been approved and will be sent to volunteers.
- September & October were busy, with Molto Bella (4,000 attended), Akron Marathon (6,000 runners), Ohio Mart, Bill Considine retirement (800 guests), and Murder in the Mansion (sold out!)
- The Professional Advisory Board launched with attorneys and tax accounting professionals, who will focus on advocating for SHH&G.
- A gathering for Gate Lodge restoration donors is being planned.
- An effort to identify 10 sustaining season Partners is underway.
- Rentals is very busy, and may add a 4th event slot to busy weekend dates.
- Lagoon restoration is on schedule for this fall.
- Deck the Hall volunteer appreciation night will be held on Dec. 5th; volunteers with 50+ hours of service will be invited.
- Emma has volunteer award recipients' apparel in her office to be picked up.
- The chandelier is back in the Round Room.
- Great Garden perennials will be cut down on October 25.
- Over 2,000 people went through the textile show at Ohio Mart.

PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR: (Janet Caudill) No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The November Executive Board Meeting has been rescheduled to **Monday, November 11**, at 9:30 am in the Wolle Building in order to accommodate those who will be decorating for Deck the Hall on November 18.
- Next General Meeting – **Wednesday November 20, 2019**, in the Carriage House Reception Room. Coffee at 9:30 am, Business Meeting at 10:00 am. Program: Nicole Mullet will present "ArtsNow: Envisioning Arts & Culture in Summit County."

ADJOURNMENT: 11:10 am.

Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Recording Secretary