

Reisterstown Improvement Association
P.O. Box 856
Reisterstown, Maryland 21136
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Meeting Agenda – February 28th – 7:00 pm

www.reisterstown.com

Attendance: Betty Ann Rigney, Tina Asher, Mark Stewart, Kathy Gambrill, Herb Weiss, Mike Ruby, Gini Trotti, Jimmy Roberts, Glenn Barnes, Kim Drapkin, Pat Brooks, Michael Donnelly, Mary Molinaro, Dave Powers, Irwin Kramer, John Barnard, Ernie Schmidhauser, Greg Klein, Debbie Caplan, Monica Chiduzza, Diane Gunther, Charlie Hoppe. (List Incomplete. If you don't see your name let us know, we'll add it!)

2017 Officers: **President Herb Weiss**
Immediate Past President Glenn Barnes
Vice President Ernie Schmidhauser
Treasurer Kim Drapkin
Secretary Michael Donnelly

2017 Board of Directors: **Maggie Herman** **Mary Molinaro**
Mark Stewart **Irwin Kramer**
Linda Percy **Justin Switzer**
Pat Brooks **Dan Carey**
Kathy Gambrill **Charlie Hoppa**

**“Reisterstown's Main Street is a Destination.
Not Just a Drive Through Road.”**

Call to Order – Introductions of those attending

Review of minutes from last meeting – Herb asked if anyone had read or had any corrections to the previous month's meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept, it was seconded and approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's report – Kim showed Jan and Feb months. These are slow months but it is starting to pick up. Current balance is around 16k. The issue of late bills submitted was brought up. There currently appears to be no other outstanding bills.

Membership report Kathy Gambrill Renewals & New Members \$35/yr for individuals and non-profits, schools and churches. \$75/yr for businesses. One benefit of membership is a listing on the website membership directory. We thank our renewing members:

George Marsalek
The Country Crier – Mike Ruby – publisher
Ristorante Firenze
Reisterstown Lions Club
Lisa and Jim Meyer
Rona London and Steve Greenspan

Bransfield Motors
Fink's School of Traditional Art
Ernie Schmidhauser
Linda Percy
Reisterstown Auto Parts

Kathy mentioned the new members. Carol and Carroll Parker, ROG Coordinating Council and Restoration Reisterstown.

President's report – The members elected new officers at the Jan 31 meeting. They include Ernie Schmidhauser (Vice President), Michael Donnelly (Secretary), myself, and Glenn Barnes in the newly created Immediate Past President position. Many thanks to them for stepping up, and much appreciation to the departing officers who continue to be very active in our association.

We welcome Justin Switzer, of Baltimore County Public Library as the new chairperson of the Promotion Committee. Thank you Justin!

The Chicken Shak/Beek Shak has opened at the former Main Street Grill/Martha & Mary's/Friendly's spot. However, the Golden Griddle has closed. The First Lady and I were there on their very last day.

Arlon's will be opening at the El Bohio location in the Chartley Center, maybe next month.

Steve Sherfey's Baltimore T-Shirt Company is relocating to the building that formerly housed Tina's Antiques and Jewelry. Good luck to Steve!

I met and had lunch with Vivian McCarthy, pastor at the Reisterstown United Methodist Church. I learned, among other things, that their church's meal and food programs supply over 300 families in the area. Food for thought.

Got a zoning violation complaint? Code enforcement info: 410-887-3351

Herb requested if anyone has a motion they know of in advance, to write it down and hand it in to the secretary to speed up and assist the minutes process. Glenn Barnes was also given an award by Herb from the RIA for his service as President of RIA.

Main Street Committees' reports

We have 6 committees – if you would like to be on one of our committees, please let us know. Each committee chair will give a report tonight.

Organization Committee – Mary Molinaro – report on Annapolis Night (Delegates Adrienne Jones and Ben Brooks) attended by Ernie, Pat, Kathy and Michael.

Mary spoke of potential items we would like to sell for the upcoming year. Shirts, blankets and luggage tags are some ideas. The 2016 sponsors have all received invoices, some have paid, some are in the works.

Economic Restructuring Committee – (vacant) We have a possible candidate identified and hope to make an announcement soon.

The Economic Chair person in mind was not able to come on board. Stay tuned for a potential replacement. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas they can forward them to the board.

Design Committee – New Website Designer – Irwin Kramer – Check out our site at reisterstown.com for news, announcements, and other local information.

The redesign of the banners may be moved to sites that deal with logo/banner design to garner more interest.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee – Dan Casey – Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, March 4, 2017. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille parking lot at 9am. Now that the snow banks have finally melted, there are always interesting items to find out there. Join the fun!

Dan was not present. Kathy said minutes above are good enough.

Promotion Committee – Justin Switzer – Peeps Contest and Eggstravaganza

Grant Committee – still ad hoc and has not met for 2017

Communication Director – Michael Donnelly – Facebook is going well. Youtube is up and running. If people have events, ideas, pictures or complaints, send them to Facebook, the website, or email where appropriate.

Legislator Reports – Previous meetings further down in meeting minutes.

Tony Basemore made a report from Kevin Kamenetz regarding schools, AC, increasing diversity and population growth.

Officer and Board Member comments: Pat had a comment regarding meeting on Waste Management and a new 10 year plan. Issue was increased amount of trash recycle. Reuse directory to show where to recycle items that can't be sent to the recycle center (ie. Guitars)

Also mentioned was a hope for an increased hazardous waste days and home recycling. (compost pile, no food waste, only yard waste)

Music on Main Street Committee – Dan Carey and Glenn Barnes – First Friday concert is scheduled for May 26 @ Franklin Elementary School. The remaining schedule is set and it will be another great season of summer music.

Potential meeting on layout upcoming. If anyone would like to join the committee, send to Glenn, Dan or Herb.

Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee – Co-chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins – The cemetery committee has not met recently and there is no status update on the cookbook.

“Bloomin' ArtFest” Mark Stewart May 13th, 2017 @ Franklin Elementary School 10am – 5pm
www.bloominartfest.com

Had a meeting and site survey of the area.

Police Report – Capt. Dave Folderauer or another police rep may be present to report news and take questions.

Facebook – comments about Reisterstown – Long Rant from a local resident was answered by Herb and will be discussed at the next Board meeting

Old Business – Sidewalks and curb work on Main Street should be resuming when the weather warms again.

No old business.

New Business – Senator Delores Kelley will host a reception Tuesday March 7 at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis from 6-8pm. The event features a BBQ dinner and networking with other community and civic leaders. If anyone would like to represent RIA please see me for contact information. Also delegate Jay Jalisi will host an event there March 22.

Cats are being rounded found/caught and turned into animal shelters. There is a greater push on keeping feral cat population in check with tagging and fixing. Please be mindful of your outdoor cats (tags/chips/etc)

There is a new roundabout for Greenspring and Tufton in the works. Both public and private land have been put towards it. No ETA on completion time.

Talk of extending, creating bike trails/walking paths. Helping relieve bikes on roads and adding in new areas for cyclists.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting closed.

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

Phone Numbers for 2017 Officers and Board Members

Herb Weiss – President / 443-225-8879

Glenn Barnes – Immediate Past President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308

Ernie Schmidhauser – Vice President 410-833-0262

Kim Drapkin – Treasurer 443-289-4447

Michael Donnelly – Secretary 410-926-5584

Maggie Herman – Board 410-833-5019

Mark Stewart – Board 410-241-1057

Linda Percy – Board 410-833-2062

Pat Brooks – Board 410-833-8215

Kathy Gambrill – Board 410-833-6551

Charlie Hoppa – Board 410-526-5486

Next Meeting

Tuesday, DATE, 2017 at 7pm at the Long and Foster Office – 321 Main St.

Agenda prepared by Herb Weiss, President

Minutes prepared by Michael Donnelly, Secretary