

Minutes of the AD-HOC Pine Orchard Union Chapel donation request committee meeting.

June 23rd, 2020 @7PM via Zoom videoconferencing application

Present: Richard Greenalch, Robin Sandler, Stephan Ariyan, Barbara Colley, Eric Rose, Hap Storer, Linda Sachs and Peggy Taylor

Background: The Pine Orchard Chapel stands in disrepair. Significant work needs to be done to bring the building up to code and allow it to serve as a meeting place for future events. The Pine Orchard Union Chapel Association are asking that the Pine Orchard Association donate \$50,000 of POA tax funds to the chapel for said repairs.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Committee Chair Robin Sandler.

There are two (2) Agenda Items

1. Ad-Hoc committee's recommendation to the POA Executive Board concerning the \$50,000.00 donation request from the Pine Orchard Union Chapel:

Robin Sandler opened the zoom call outlining the two goals of the call. Robin asked that two corrections be made to last week's minutes, 1) change "town" to "POA" and 2) Change "POA President" to "the Chairman of the committee". The change request was put in the form of a motion which was seconded by Richard Greenalch and passed. Robin also mention that the reversionary clause of the opinion written by Peter Berdon can be struck from the opinion because a quick claim deed was filed with the town removing the need for the clause.

Robin then reviewed what happened last and asked if there are any new motions from the committee.

Eric Rose mentioned that Stephan Ariyan has come up with a new positive recommended motion.

Stephan Ariyan presented the following motion – *This committee recommends that the POA Executive Board Recognize and support in many ways the Pine Orchard Union Chapel Association (POUCA) serves the Pine Orchard community and as such, work with the POUCA in a joint effort to raise funds for the proposed renovations.*

Robin Sandler asked if anyone would second the Ariyan motion which was seconded by **Eric Rose**.

Robin then stated that the motion was presented and seconded and open the floor to the committee for discussion. **Eric Rose** and **Stephan Ariyan** promoted the motion as stated.

Barbara Colley asked if the motion resolved the \$50K request. **Eric Rose** state no, it does not, and the request should be put to referendum. **Stephan Ariyan** agreed. **Linda Sacks** stated that given the motion presented, she was not sure the role of the POA, relative to the request for \$50K. **Stephan Ariyan** reassured Linda and the motion does nothing more than state the POA's support of the Chapel's fund-raising efforts. **Eric Rose** reaffirmed Dr. Ariyan's statement. **Richard Greenalch** stated the motion does not make any reference to the \$50K which makes it acceptable to all parties. **Robin Sandler** expressed his concern that the motion does not address the POUCA request for the \$50K.

Eric Rose stated that it's up to the POA Board to give the \$50K or not. **Stephan Ariyan** stated his motion only addresses what to do with the POUCA request for \$50. Nothing more. **Eric Rose** supports a referendum to determine if the funds should be given. **Linda Sacks** stated the chapel asked for \$50K, what is it the POA to do about that request?

Jennifer Aniskovich of 15 Grove Avenue stated that the POUCA is looking for a decision on the \$50K not to have the POA interfere with the POUCA fund raising efforts.

Robin Sandler, after hearing Jennifer statement asked Dr. Aiyan to amend the motion to address the \$50K request. **Stephan Ariyan** presented the following amendment to his first motion that - *Instead of a \$50,000 donation to the POUCA this committee recommends that the POA Executive Board Recognize and support in many ways the Pine Orchard Union Chapel Association (POUCA) serves the Pine Orchard community and as such work with the POUCA in a joint effort to raise funds for the proposed renovations.*

Eric Rose stated that was not the spirit of the motion proposed.

A procedural discussion ensued that the original motion must be voted on. Dr. Ariyan re-read the motion and it was voted on after discussion. **Richard Greenalch** enter a motion to call the question and it was second by Stephan Ariyan. The call to question was approved, it carried. Next there was a vote on Dr Ariyan original motion. This was done via rollcall.

Member	Vote
Richard Greenalch	Yes
Robin Sandler	No
Stephan Ariyan	Yes
Barbara Colley	No
Eric Rose	No
Hap Storer	No
Linda Sachs	No
Peggy Taylor	No

There are six (6) No and two (2) Yes votes, the motion did not pass.

Eric Rose made a new motion that *the POA vote on the request to the POUCA for \$50K such that it would be consistent with the POA economic income stream of the association.* **Hap Storer** second Eric's motion. This too was done via rollcall.

Member	Vote
Richard Greenalch	No
Robin Sandler	No
Stephan Ariyan	No
Barbara Colley	Yes
Eric Rose	Yes
Hap Storer	Yes
Linda Sachs	No
Peggy Taylor	No

There are five (5) against and three (3) for the motion did not pass.

Jennifer Aniskovich pointed out that the above vote effectively voted down the recommendation so there is no recommendation to present to the POA.

Richard Greenalch presented a new motion that *the committee recommends to the POA Executive board that they do not donate the \$50K as requested by the POUCA*. **Stephan Ariyan** second the motion. No discussion on the motion and a rollcall vote was taken.

Member	Vote
Richard Greenalch	Yes
Robin Sandler	yes
Stephan Ariyan	yes
Barbara Colley	no
Eric Rose	no
Hap Storer	no
Linda Sachs	Yes
Peggy Taylor	Yes

There are five (5) for and three (3) against, the motion passes.

2. Discuss other ways that the POA can contribute to the Chapel restoration fundraising drive

After the vote in item #1 for *the POA to not recommend to the POA Executive board to give the \$50K to the POUCA*, **Hap Storer** suggested that the Union Chapel be turned over to the POA. **Robins Sandler** stated that this discussion has been brought up in the past and is beyond the scope of the committee. **Barbara Colley** noted that such a transfer in ownership is not allow by the POUCA Charter.

Robin Sandler suggested that the POA pay the POUCA \$5,000/Yr. for use of the chapel for POA meeting and gatherings. This could be an ongoing payment that in 10 years would be \$50,000.

Jennifer Aniskovich then stated that the POA is welcomed to make an offer and she and Barbara will take it back to the board (POUCA). The POUCA can than decide whether they want to rent the Chapel to the POA and at what rate.

Tracy Hanson of 288 Pine Orchard Road asked if the POA might consider a matching program up to \$50K. This was turned down because it still involves giving POA tax dollars to a third-party organization.

Tracy then asked what the POA tax funds are spent on. **Linda Sacks** provide a quick overview of that question. **Tracy** asked why the POA spends funds on non-POA property but will not fund the POUCA request? **Stephan Ariyan** stated that the chapel is not part of the municipality, the triangle and steps to LI Sound are.

Jennifer Aniskovich then took issue with how we are running the annual meeting and the voting process. Robin defended the procedure and stated it is legal and valid.

Robin Sandler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was given by **Barbara Colley** and second by **Richard Greenalch**. All present voted yes, and the meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted 6/21/2020 by Peter Robinson
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