

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:00 a.m. at the Pearl S. Buck House, on June 6, 2019 and called to order by Consortium Vice-President Kyle Seckinger.

2. Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Tom Scott, Bristol Township
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
Andrea Susten, Doylestown Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Marianne Morano, East Rock Hill Township
Kurt Furguson, Lower Makefield Township
Jim Majewski, Lower Makefield Township
Scott Sadowsky, Middletown Township
Mega Bhandary, Middletown Township
Eileen Bradley, New Britain Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township
Paul Stepanoff, Richland Township
Amanda Zimmer, Warminster Township
Barry Luber, Warrington Township
Ashley Casey, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township

Sponsors:

Aaron Nelson, Hugh Associates
Dan Fagan, Senator Santarsiero office
Michael Guden, Senator Santarsiero office
Steve Noll, TMA
Michael Davisson, Univest
Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management

3. Presentations:

1. APM Scholaship Recipients Presentations:

- Becki Wilhelm (Finance Director at Warwick Township) and Andrea Susten (Special Projects Coordinator at Doylestown Township) shared their experiences and what they took away from the 2019 APMM Conference.

2. Pearl S. Buck House: President Welcome

- Janet Mintzer, President & CEO welcomed the Bucks County Consortium members to the Pearl S. Buck House. Ms. Mintzer shared the background of the Pearl S. Buck House and the foundation that had been started by Pearl S. Buck herself. Ms. Mintzer offered guided tours of the property after the meeting.

3. Visit Bucks County: Visit Bucks County (VBC) is the official tourism promotion agency for Bucks County and serves to create economic impact and support hospitality-related organizations in the County. The presentation covered many opportunities on how Visit Bucks County can work together to make Bucks County a great place to live, work, and play!

- **Lisa Paglaicetti:** As the Industry Relations Director at Visit Bucks County her role is to build relationships with stakeholders and partners, create strategies to engage the tourism industry through educational programming and execute Visit Bucks County hosted events. Ms. Paglaicetti oversees a team of five who collaborate with attractions, lodging properties, restaurants and other venues to drive more visitors to the region.
- **Kelley Keeling:** As the Visitor Experience and Partner Outreach Manager for Visit Bucks County. Ms. Keeling's role focuses on improving and enhancing the visitor experience and engaging with the local travel community. In addition to over 10 years of experience in destination marketing.

4. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County partners with low income homeowners to make home repairs and modifications that help preserve their home and make it safe and accessible for all. Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County recently expanded to do critical repairs, i.e. roof replacement or major system repair. Most of those Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County serves are older or disabled. Requests for assistance have steadily increased, hence Habitat Bucks plans to double its Home Repairs to serve 40 homeowners in FY20.

- **Karen Reeve:** Community Development Manager at HFH Bucks County PA since 2015. Her work in gerontology focused on creating, managing, evaluating and advocating for a wide variety of programs to assist older adults to continue to live at home and be engaged in their community.

4. Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Eileen Bradley, seconded by Eileen Brandley, the Treasurer's Report for April 2019 was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Eileen Bradley, seconded by Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, the May 2, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Other Business:

None.

8. Upcoming Events:

Mr. Seckinger made an announcement of the following upcoming dates & registration deadlines:

- ICMA Annual Conference
 - October 20-23, 2019 (Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee)
 - Registration opens June 26, 2019

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on September 5, 2019, at Warrington Township - Presentation of "All the Queens Horses"

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator