

**OLBRICH BOTANICAL SOCIETY**  
**Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2021**

**Members Present:** Philip Bradbury, Alnisa Allgood, Renee Boyce, Julie Rupert, Julie Bernauer, Susan Goodwin, Bethany Ordaz, Laura Peterson, Juscha Robinson, Maurice Sheppard, Tim Sherry, Sandi Statz, Bill White, Betty Chewing, Liz Dannenbaum, Moira Harrington, Brad Hinkfuss, Eric Knepp, Laurel Neverdahl, Roberta Sladky

**Members Absent:** Mary Phillips

**Advisors Present:** Jack Bolz, Kevin Hess, Barb Tensfeldt, Paul Williams

**Staff Present:** Jake Immel, Katy Nodolf, Marty Petillo, Rylee Schuchardt, Kai Skadahl, Elizabeth Spry, Joe Vande Slunt

I. **The meeting called to order at 3:30 pm.**

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Allgood and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

IV. **REPORTS**

**A. President's Report**

- a. **Information on the formation of a Board committee to represent OBS in the recruitment process for Roberta Sladky's successor** – President Bradbury announced that a Recruitment Committee, comprised of OBS Board members Alnisa Allgood, Renee Boyce, Julie Rupert and Bill White, has been formed to monitor the recruitment of Ms. Sladky's successor. Ms. Sladky noted that she is in the process of updating her Position Description and will be sending it to the Recruitment Committee to review.

**B. Financial Report**

- a. **December 2020 Financials** – Rylee Schuchardt reviewed the December Financial Reports. She explained that due to the pandemic and corresponding cancellations, all departments were below budgeted revenue with the exception of Development which was \$143,563 over the original 2020 budget. She added that all departments were under budgeted expenses, according to the original 2020 budget, with the exception of Administration due to the hiring of conservatory cashiers, a higher 401k match and the additional auditing expense for the adoption of ACS-606. She noted that of the Banking/Investment total \$367,252.29, only the PPP1 loan of \$253,800 is considered cash on hand. The remaining \$113,452.29 is interest earned (not readily available) on investments. The OBS Staff was commended on coming out ahead at the end of 2020 after earlier predictions were showing there could be a net loss of ~\$100K.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Resolution honoring retiring OBG Maintenance Mechanic Jim Maier**  
 Roberta Sladky read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jim Maier worked as the Olbrich Botanical Gardens Maintenance Mechanic for twenty two years, and,  
 WHEREAS, Jim Maier has replaced every belt, filter, and pump numerous times over his 22 years, and,  
 WHEREAS, Jim Maier has plowed and snowblowed hundreds of miles of parking lot and walkways, and  
 WHEREAS, Jim Maier knows where the irrigation lines (and more) are buried, and

WHEREAS, Jim Maier's massive hoard of keys will confuse his successor for decades, and  
WHEREAS, Jim Maier has decided to retire February 11, 2021,  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Olbrich Botanical Society wishes to honor and  
thank Jim Maier for his dedication and effectiveness to support the work of Olbrich Botanical Gardens.

A motion was made by Ms. Sladky and seconded by Ms. Rupert to approve the resolution. The Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There are no announcements.

VII. **ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

**Part 2 of the OBS Board Retreat began immediately following adjournment of the meeting.**

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