

# MONTCLAIR CENTER **BID**

GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD WINNER 2015

BID Office

April 6, 2016

Board members in attendance: Phil Cantor, Arlene Carrini, Israel Cronk, Luther Flurry, Michael Gillespie, Diane Israel, Lisa Johnson, Debbie Masel, Kazim Mirza, Sharda Ramharack, Stephen Plofker, Sue Schultz, Matt Silverman, Nicci Silva, Sean Spiller and Robert Weber.

Meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m.

March minutes were approved unanimously. Michael Gillespie moved, seconded by Sue Schultz.

Jerry Fried – Montclair Future Forum. Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church - Issues of Montclair's Future. Five TED-ish talks will be presented at the forum. Candidates for mayor will have a question and answer period moderated by the local press.

Michael Gillespie from the museum talked about 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, April 7th. May FFT (5/5/16) will include ribbon cutting of the art education center and extra special events.

Treasurer's Reports – reports for Jan and Feb, not March. Accounting fees are a little over budget but worth it to keep books in order and timely. There are less legal fees in relation to OPRA. Treasurer's report is now simpler and less complicated than before.

BID Audit was released to the board. Everything has tied out and the Audit was done on time.

**UPDATE** – April 15<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Night Out, 38 participants, email blasts and Facebook posts. Block captains to get involved to spread the word.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Montclair Center Stage starts

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Main Street NJ – Roger Brooks - 9 am in Vineland

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Glen Ridge Avenue Art & Music Festival. BID will support with the stage and staffing.

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Art Walk

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Farmer's Market. Two – three farmers participating (as of 4/6); need posters & signage

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Sidewalk Sale - Block captains to get involved to get the word out

Sustainability NJ - earn business credits Green Certified businesses. Merchants need to know the options. 30 merchants involved brings us to a gold level. MSU students will help with project.

Assisted Living facility on Church St. – The lot is in a redevelopment area - Dick sued and won the suit. A new proposal has to be approved by the Mayor and council. The mayor does not feel he will have the votes to pass the new proposal. Proposal will be re-filed within the next 60 to 90 days.

Luther's Party was announced for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Meeting adjourned by Phil Cantor at 8:09 p.m., seconded by Stephen Plofker.

Next Meeting May 4, 2016 - 7 p.m. BID office.