

Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting  
January 3, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Kathy Trace, Diana Chalfant, Jeff Ross, Alice Richards, Svea Maxwell, Sarah Fisher, Alabama Martin, Erin Everhart, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Bridget Washburn, Jennifer Shush, and Ashley Cremens

Guests Present: Beth Clodfelter, Community Speaker

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:30.

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Trace seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Community Speaker

Ms. Clodfelter briefly explained her background and announced she is running for Treasurer with two

years' experience in the Treasurer's office. She said she would like to keep the Land Bank actives as

Trimble Township has seen the most impact and projects from these activities. Her goal is to make it

more convenient for residents to pay property taxes.

III. Community Events/Youth

- Sharon Short, Trimble High School Parent Advisory Group will host a Winter Literacy Night at the

Glouster Library on February 29th

- Tomcats Unplugged has officially been funded. Trimble Middle School will go to Camp Oty Okwa

- Sharon Short's service group also make a "Blessing Wall" with hooks with coats, hats, etc.

- Ms. Sawvel will have updates on the TTCC holiday dinner

- Tessa will partner with Girl Power for self-care activities this year

- The Narcotic Anonymous meeting in Glouster is going well, people are coming from Logan to attend

IV. Intern Report

- Ms. Martin is making great use of the social media posts

V. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Richards moved to approve the December 6, 2023

VI. Treasurer's Report

- The monthly bank statement was reviewed. Ms. Trace moved to approve the December , 2023

Treasurer's Report; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Land Bank Updates

- The Cornerstone Church is still being assessed.

- There were three properties that closed in December

- There have been issues with finding a surveyor

- There will be a structural assessment on three properties downtown.

- The next meeting is January 17th

## VIII. Old Business

- The billboard will be up past 30 days unless someone else buys the space
- The cover of the Youth Essay/Book is being completed and will be distributed for review when ready
- Ms. Trace moved to extend Ms. Martin's internship for six months; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## IX. New Business

- There was no New Business

### Other

- Mr. Ross is working on taxes/990, he is waiting on the Annual Report
- Ms. Handa is planning on having the Annual Report completed by Monday.
- An alternative date is needed for the next Strategic Plan meeting. Mr. Brehm, Ms. Handa, and Ms.

Trace will meet to discuss goals and structure. Things to consider are Celebrations: the roof on the shelter house (finding pockets of money to make improvements that one business family cannot fund), the first recovery walk, essay book, 500 scholarships to a senior every year; consider an alternative to an essay, three choices-a project, art, essay/poem; Time line of Bridgebuilders: 20 years and starting to turn a corner over the last year  
HAPCAP update providing funds to landlords to improve rental so families don't have to move or leave

## X. Adjournment

- Ms. Chalfant moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

## Members

Next Meeting: February 7, 2024 Becky Handa, President  
<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org> Kathy Trace, Vice-President  
Diana Chalfant, Secretary  
Jeff Ross, Treasurer  
Alice Richards  
Svea Maxwell  
Jerry Marang  
Sarah Fisher  
Amanda Sawvel  
Alabama Martin, Intern

February 7, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Jeff Ross, Amanda Sawvel, Jerry Marang, Alice Richards, Jennifer Shust, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Bridget Washburn, Erin Everhart, and Svea Maxwell

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:33.

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Marang moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Community Speaker

Ms. Everhart discussed the Southeast Ohio Hope Center's application for certification with the Ohio

Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (OMHAS).

III. Community Events/Youth

- Ms. Handa reported seniors are providing childcare for parent-teacher conferences at the high school.

The school offered a table for Bridgebuilders to share resources; volunteers are needed on February 15th 2:45-9:15.

- Bridgebuilders has been invited to have a table at Kidfest on April 6th at a cost of \$40. The table would

include crafts and activities. Ms. Fisher will be asked if she is available.

- Girl Power Formal will be held on April 5th

at Burr Oak Lodge. There will be 80 Trimble students and 10 chaperones.

- Girl Power will meet at the Library in the next week, the topic of the meeting will be self-care/self-love.

- Ms. Sawvel reported every 4th Monday Ohio Means Jobs provides a class; Unified Bank has classes.

The 3rd Monday Digital Navigator from HAPCAP will help with technology; email, online applications, using devices, etc., all are available at the Trimble Township Community Center.

- Boys & Girls Clubs of America will conduct a site visit to verify the proposed space to host programming ("Smart"-Alcohol-Drug Prevention funded by the Boys and Girls Club) is acceptable.

IV. Intern Report

- There was no report.

V. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Richards moved to approve the January 3, 2024 minutes with corrections; Mr. Marang seconded.

The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- The monthly bank statement was reviewed. Mr. Marang moved to approve the January 2024 Treasurer's Report; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Land Bank Updates

Ms. Richards did not attend the meeting. The next meeting is February 21st

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There are three demolition projects out for bid.

#### VIII. Grants Report

- Ms. Handa reported the United Way grant report is completed.
- Ms. Trace reported the link to submit a report to the Athens Foundation had been received and is due at the end of March with impact statements.

#### IX. Old Business

- The Annual Report was presented for a final review.
- Mr. Ross discussed the 990 tax form to match with the Annual Report.
- The Strategic Planning meeting will be held in March.
- Ms. Handa and Ms. Trace met with Joe Brehm and will meet again on March 23rd at the community center to discuss a summary of surveys and review the mission and vision.
- The final draft for the Essay book was discussed. The artwork is being donated by the photographer.

#### X. New Business

- The book "Young Voices in a Small Town" was discussed with funds from the United Way grant (\$4,500) to use toward publishing fees.
- An invoice for Monday Creek publishing was received and includes fees for promoting and ISBN. Ms. Trace moved to approve payment of invoice of \$162.50 to Monday Creek Publishing; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Nominating Committee: Ms. Richards and Mr. Ross were selected as the Nominating Committee.

The Election of Officers will take place at the quarterly Board meeting on March 6th

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#### XI. Adjournment

- Ms. Handa moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Marang seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

#### Members

Next Meeting: March 6, 2024 Becky Handa, President  
<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org> Kathy Trace, Vice-President  
Diana Chalfant, Secretary  
Jeff Ross, Treasurer  
Alice Richards  
Svea Maxwell  
Jerry Marang  
Sarah Fisher  
Amanda Sawvel  
Alabama Martin, Intern

## Tomcat Bridgebuilders Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Kathy Trace, Jeff Ross, Alice Richards, Svea Maxwell, Sarah Fisher, Amanda Sawvel

Members Absent: None

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Sawvel moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross moved to approve the November March 1, 2023 minutes; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### III. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ross presented the Treasurer's Report. The November, December, and January deposits are being reviewed. Ms. Handa moved to approve the Treasurers Report; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### IV. Old Business

#### • Election of Officers

Nominations: Ms. Handa, President, Ms. Sawvel, Vice President, Co-Secretaries, Ms. Chalfant and Ms. Fisher, and Treasurer, Mr. Ross. Ms. Richard moved to approve the Officer selections; Ms. Trace seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### • Scholarships: The board members discussed the following:

o Post scholarship opportunity for seniors on Facebook and message board

o Reviewing the scholarship process: Are Bridgebuilder interns eligible for scholarships?

o Should names be redacted on essays, transcripts, etc., before review by the committee?

o Contacting former scholarship recipients to check how they are doing and staying connected with them.

o Ms. Handa , Ms. Chalfant, Ms. Fisher, and Ms. Sawvel will meet and review the essays after they are submitted on April 15th.

• Athens County Foundation is holding a recognition dinner and is a partner celebration; Ms. Hand will attend and invited others to let her know if they would like to attend.

- The Strategic Planning t is March 23rd at the Trimble Township Community Center from 9:00-12:00 and is a potluck.

V. New Business

- No new business.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Members

Becky Handa, President

Amanda Sawvel, Vice President

Diana Chalfant, Secretary

Sarah Fisher, Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Kathy Trace

Alice Richards

Jerry Marang

Svea Maxwell

Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting  
March 6, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, Diana Chalfant, Svea Maxwell, Amanda Sawvel, Kathy Trace, Sarah Fisher, Amy Lipka, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Jennifer Shust, Bridget Washburn, Kaitlyn Cummings, and Ashley Cremeans,

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:35.

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Community Speaker

Ms. Lipka, Age-Friendly Athens Coordinator said they are also entering their first year of strategic planning and said one thing everyone has in common is people are getting older all of the time. She said she would be happy to come to a meeting and facilitate a discussion with focus questions. Ms. Lipka said health screenings are available at the Athens Community Center and there will be a Home Repair Fair in Chauncey. She also said they have created a new domain to Athens County Age Friendly that AARP did not have: Sustainability and Resilience to address constituents concerns with flooding, energy efficient homes, and fresh food. Mr. Ross said some grandparents are raising kids who have been removed from family with substance abuse issues and also no local nursing homes. Ms. Chalfant suggested a directory of trustworthy people to call in case someone breaks into your home, age friendly modifications, and a referral system.

III. Community Events/Youth

- Ms. Handa announced a Trimble literary night will be held on March 18th, Bridgebuilders will purchase books to give away; 144 books for \$315, a check will be written to Trimble PAC. Ms. Richards moved to approve the purchase of books for \$315; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- A Tomcats Unplugged event will be held on March 25th-27th for 6th grade students; 7th and 8th grade students will be in Washington D.C.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Handa moved to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Grants Report

- Approval of grant request from Becky Koons was tabled until additional board members are in attendance. Ms. Koons program of supplying weekend backpack meals-First United Methodist

Church can no longer fund the program. She has secured funding for the rest of the school year but not for 2024-2025; the program cost is \$13,000 per year.

#### VI. Old Business

- Book Publishing: Names have been removed and replaced by a number system; a hard copy draft

will be printed for review. The group discussed selling cost; the net cost to create the books is \$5.82 and Bridgebuilders will buy 100 books for \$562 and give some of the books away.

- A suggestion was made to have a cover page that connects with the AMD Mural Paint project.

- A suggestion was made for a perennial exchange; "Growing for Recovery" with plant tags, potted house plants that children have painted and Red Ribbon week potted indoor plants delivered to local businesses.

- The Old Settlers Reunion decision was tabled.

#### XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

#### Members

Next Meeting: April 3, 2024 Becky Handa, President

<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org> Kathy Trace, Vice-President

Diana Chalfant, Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Svea Maxwell

Jerry Marang

Sarah Fisher

Amanda Sawvel

Alabama Martin, Intern

**The April meeting was canceled due to high water.**

Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting  
May 1, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, Diana Chalfant, Svea Maxwell, Amanda Sawvel, Kathy Trace, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Jennifer Shust, Bridget Washburn, Ashley Cremeans, and Sandy Rowles

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:33.

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Sawvel moved to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Community Speaker

Ms. Rowles discussed her daughter's mental health and addiction struggles that ended tragically. She said she would like to end the stigma and judgment around people struggling with addiction and mental health issues. Ms. Rowles shared her own struggles with mental health and addiction in the past

as well as from her daughter's death. She strives to bring awareness to the area around addiction and

bring "Enough is Enough" opiate awareness campaign traveling crosses to Athens County. Ms. Handa

said she shared the traveling crosses with Athens HOPE and they are interested in gathering information and bringing this goal into reality.

IV. Community Events/Youth

- May 2nd – 8:00-10:00 am Health and wellness resource fair at High School
- May 14th – Trimble High School Awards Day, Bridgebuilders presenting scholarship; Ms. Handa and Ms. Sawvel will present the award
- May 17th

- End of school event at the Glouster Library: 3:00-6:00 pm. Bridgebuilders will provide food for 60 students; Mr. Ross and Ms. Chalfant will be assisting.

May 25th Trimble High School Graduation

May 24th Alumni Bash at Burr Oak Lodge 4:00-7:00 pm

June 5th- July 25th PB&J Project every Thursday 10:00 am-12:00 pm

- Joe Burrow foundation donations through December, once a month Ms. Handa will distribute food to the community
- July 18th – Community Day of HOPE at the Football Stadium
- Ms. Handa shared opportunities to attend alcohol prevention trainings and workshops
- The school has received 40,000 bags of food donated by the Jeb Butcher family and their church,

Ms. Handa honored Mr. Butcher and family. She also said she was honored to present an award to

Sam Jones as a champion for the kids in the community.

- Student group Crush is holding a food and hygiene drive.

#### V. Treasurer's Report

The March and April Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ms. Handa moved to approve the March Treasurer's report; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Richards

moved to approve the April Treasurer's report; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously

approved. Checks written for Alabama Martin for February and March payments.

There was discussion on moving funding in a savings account into a CD to mature in May and collect interest for scholarships. Ms. Trace moved to approve moving the savings account into a CD

and permitting Mr. Ross to discuss best options for a CD with the bank; Ms. Sawvel seconded.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### VI. Grants Report

- The Board approved via email a two \$500 grants for After Prom; the check was written on April 9, 2024

- The Board approved a \$150 grant via email to sponsor Connor Fierce for a fishing tournament; the Bridgebuilders logo will be added to his shirt; the check was written to Word of Life Christian Fellowship.

- A grant request for \$500 for an Old Settlers kidding day for a petting zoo was approved. Ms. Sawvel moved to approve the grant; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### VII. Old Business

- Tomcats Unplugged: The members discussed a presentation by Ms. Perko at the next meeting as

a mini-grant report.

- Book Launch and Signing Events: Monday Creek will waive fees at each event. There will be one book printed for review. Appalachian Literacy event on October 5th in Nelsonville; the application is due May 15th

- Ms. Handa and Ms. Trace will attend the United Way interview on May 9th

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- Overview of Strategic Planning: High School Champion Diana Craig, Student Champion Marley

a member of Crush, Student Council, and Model UN. There is a list of local organizations Ms. Sawvel will meet in August. Also, an events list has been created.

- Four scholarships have been received for review. Ms. Handa, Ms. Fisher, and Ms. Sawvel will review the scholarships.

- Trimble Awards Day is May 14th

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#### VIII. New Business

- Ms. Trace will inquire about the Old Settlers ad.

- Mr. Ross reported they can no longer receive in-person ASK server trainings through the Ohio Investigative Unit.

## IX. Adjournment

Ms. Handa moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Ross seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting: June 5, 2024

Becky Handa, President

<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org> Kathy Trace, Vice-President

Diana Chalfant, Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Svea Maxwell

Jerry Marang

Sarah Fisher

Amanda Sawvel

Alabama Martin, Intern

## Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

June 5, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, Diana Chalfant, Svea Maxwell, Sarah Fisher, Kathy Trace, Alabama Martin, Becky Pettit, Bella Guerriero, Jessica Sarver, Samantha Gates, Bridget Washburn, Echo Jay Thorpe

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve the May 1, 2024 minutes; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### III. Community Events/Youth

- End of year library event update - Around 40 people attended. The grilled hot dogs and deserts were provided by the staff at Unified Bank and were well received! The plan is to do this again next year. Ms. Chalfant will write a thank you to Kevin at Darbyland Lumber for donating the propane for the grill.

- Community Day of HOPE July 18th

- o Ms. Richards moved to approve \$500 to the Community Day of Hope event. Ms. Trace seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- o The field will be available for yard games.

- o Ms. Washburn proposed an idea to garner community interest and involvement by offering white paper bag lanterns to decorate and display in remembrance at the event.

- o Ms. Fisher offered to assist with any updates to the flyer.

- o There will be community education sessions at the Trimble Township Community Center- Thursday June 13th: Healthy Drinking Habits

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

- Ms. Handa moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Ms. Trace moved to close the savings account and open a new CD. Ms. Maxwell and Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### V. Grants Report

- Via email- Ms. Trace, Ms. Handa, Ms. Richards, and Mr. Marang approved a \$500 mini-grant for Jr. High Cheerleaders – uniform cost
- Reports
  - Echo Thorpe, Comcorps Member, presented on Tomcats Unplugged - 3 school days at Camp Oty Okwa focused on social, emotional and environmental education, without cellphones. 43 of the 60 7th graders participated.
  - Echo Thorpe, Comcorps Member, presented on D&D Game Club- it was a successful and positive social gathering including creativity, role play with a mix of grades and school staff involved.
  - Ms. Petit reported on After Prom 2024-86 teens participated. Becky plans to run this program for 2 more years

#### VI. Old Business

- Book Update
  - o Review of Draft -Ms. Handa contacted families and was able to collect signatures to include 20 more essays
  - o Next steps – Ms. Trace will meet with the publisher
  - o Launch and Signing Events
- United Way
  - o Continuing Education Meetings
  - o Ms. Richards attended April's meeting on Student Loan Forgiveness
  - o Ms. Handa attended May's meeting on Media- takeaways- media reaches out to you because you are the expert, it is ok to be passionate and emotional about the topic, nothing is ever a casual conversation or off the record when talking with the media.
  - o Ms. Fisher will attend August workshop: SUDs in the MOV Interview
  - o Strategic Planning and 2024 Activities - Tabled until the August meeting

#### VII. New Business

There was no new business.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Handa adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm

\*No Meeting Held in July \*  
Next Meeting: August 7, 2024  
<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org>

Becky Handa, President  
Amanda Sawvel, Vice President  
Sarah Fisher, Secretary  
Diana Chalfant, Secretary  
Jeff Ross, Treasurer  
Kathy Trace  
Alice Richards  
Svea Maxwell  
Jerry Marang

## Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

August 7, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Alice Richards, Jeff Ross, Diana Chalfant, Sarah Fisher, Kathy Trace,

Bella Guerriero, Samantha Gates, Jerry Marang, Amanda Sawvel, Heike Perko, Craig Azbell  
Ms. Handa called the meeting to order.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Marang seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Marang moved to approve June 5, 2024 minutes with the following revisions: List of officers need to be updated; Ms. Sawvel as Vice President and Ms. Fisher as Co-officer; Ms. Trace seconded the motion with revisions. The motion was unanimously approved.

### III. Community Events/Youth

- Community Day of HOPE was held on July 18th with 42 participants.
- Trimble Open House event includes tabling and book sale, Tuesday August 13th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Boys & Girls Club of America is renting the building from HAPCAP beginning events in September. The programs focus is on community service and involvement. Alex Sams is coordinator and distributing enrollment forms and will be present at the Trimble Open House.
- Trimble second annual Recovery Walk will be Sunday, September 29th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### IV. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report was approved at the board meeting

### V. Grants Report

- No mini-grants will be approved during the month of August

## VI. Land Bank Update

- SAOP will construct building on two lots
- There is no funding to demolish the old Hollister school

## VII. Old Business

- CLC Impact funding grant was received to continue weekend food bags at school serving 100 students a week: two breakfasts and two lunches.
- PB & J served 128 students in 30 minutes; food is often taken by 10:00. Ms. Handa invited John Hurd to observe and help for a day.
- United Way denied the BB 2025 grant application

## VIII. New Business

- Heike Perko-Tomcats Unplugged trip. A student who plunged into the stream said, “ All of my stress just washed away from me”. Other comments were “A lot of down time, felt free but supported. Maybe I want to apply for college because this is what a college campus would feel like?” The goal was to bring children closer, because children have been mean to each other, mean to their teachers. The community really came together to fund the trip and will be applying for a grant again this year.

## IX. Other

- Changes in gas stations with new ownership: in addition to tobacco and alcohol sales they now carry drug paraphernalia
- A \$5,000 grant was received by the Women’s Auxiliary
- The check from Pizza Cottage fundraiser has not been issued
- Ms. Handa will meet with Mr. Curtis and Ms. Guffy for the OHYES! survey this week to finalize for Red Ribbon Week. The survey will include 100 questions for 7th

– 12th grade

about risk factors, sexual health, abuse, and drugs to understand more of what students are dealing with and they have better services. The surveys are anonymous; no identifying factors. More information can be found at <https://youthsurveys.ohio.gov/our-surveys/ohyes>

## X. Adjournment

Ms. Handa adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Members

Next Meeting: September 4, 2024 Becky Handa, President

<https://www.tcbridgebuilders.org> Amanda Sawvel, Vice President

Diana Chalfant, Co-Secretary

Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Jerry Marang

Kathy Trace

Svea Maxwell

## Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

September 4, 2024

Members Present: Amanda Sawvel, Diana Chalfant, Sarah Fisher, Alice Richards, Svea Maxwell, Olivia

Kasler, Intern, Ashley Cremeans, Bridget Washburn, Samantha Gates, Jessica Sarver, Bella Guerrier,

Craig Azbell, Tisha Springer, Wenda Sheard, Carrie Vieland

Ms. Sawvel called the meeting to order.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve August 7, 2024 minutes with the following revision: Item VI. Land Bank Update; There will be funding in the future to demolish the old Hollister school. Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### III. Community Events/Youth

There was an update on the Overdose Awareness Day in Sedalia Park

### IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ms. Handa will check on a check from PAC for \$315. Ms. Richards moved to approve the report; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### V. Grants Report

The Tomcats Unplugged grant will be emailed; a downpayment of \$500 will be needed to save a spot for next year. Ms. Chalfant moved to approve submitting a downpayment for a Tomcats Unplugged spot for 2025; Ms. Sawvel seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### VI. Land Bank Update

- SAOP is purchasing property from the Land Bank to build two houses.

## VII. Old Business

- The book promotions will begin in October or November
- The Recovery Walk is September 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- SUD at the workplace-United Way training, Ms. Chalfant shared the book

## VIII. New Business

- Tomcat Bridgebuilders t-shirts by Precision Imprint
- Ms. Sawvel will ask HAPCAP about Bonfire

## IX. Other

- A stationary purchase is needed, continue conversation at next meeting
- Continue storage building conversation at the next meeting
- Discussed blessing box repairs
- Next meeting October 2, 2024

## X. Adjournment

Ms. Sawvel moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## Members

Becky Handa, President

Amanda Sawvel, Vice President

Diana Chalfant, Co-Secretary

Sarah Fisher, Co-Secretary

Jeff Ross, Treasurer

Alice Richards

Jerry Marang

Kathy Trace

Svea Maxwell

Olivia Kasler, Intern

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## Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

October 2, 2024

Members Present: Amanda Sawvel, Diana Chalfant, Sarah Fisher, Svea, Jessica Sarver, Bella Guerrier,

Craig Azbell, Amanda Love, Theresa Murphy

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:37.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Trace seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve September 4, 2024; Mr. Azbell seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### III. Community Events/Youth

- Ms. Love discussed the Workforce Development team with Rural Action, offering programming for kids and adults.
- Ms. Murphy discussed peer support.
- The Trunk or Treat event is Monday October 14th from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Soctober (Sober October) will be held in October.
- Red Ribbon Week activity will include the theme "Life is a Movie. Film Drug Free" is Monday October 28th - November 1st
- Trimble 7th-12th grades are approved for the OHYES! surveys
- HRS Catch My Breath curriculum was discussed.
- An Appalachian Storytelling event will be held in Nelsonville.
- Athens County Stand Down for Veterans will be held October 4th at the Athens County Fairgrounds 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- The Color in the Hills Festival is October 12th- 13th

### IV. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Ms. Sawvel moved to approve the report; Ms. Handa seconded. The May, June, July and August financial statements were reviewed. Ms. Handa

discussed the BB Wix renewal needed to retain the .org on our website. Mr. Ross moved to approve the renewal; Mrs. Chalfant seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Ms. Sawvel moved to approve of declining the extra fraud program offered by Unified Bank. Ms. Handa seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### V. Grants Report

There was no report.

#### VI. Land Bank Update

- Work is being done at the Knights of Pythias building.

#### VII. Old Business

- Recovery Walk Report – Almost 100 people attended the walk.

Ideas were discussed for next year: red balloons along the way as trail markers, snack and water at the Trimble Park/halfway, Jan Reeder (documentary “Heroin” has volunteered to be a speaker next year ), trash pick-up next year, new shirts, gifts for speakers, partners, and new board members.

#### VIII. New Business

- Athens Foundation Grant 2025 - Becky applied for a \$6,700 grant.

- Storage Building - the church is full, BB is on the Burr Oak Storage waiting list, Ms.

Sawvel has been kind enough to store items in her garage.

- Stationery and Envelopes - Ms. Chalfant would like to have thank you cards, blank pages with letterhead, and envelopes.

- Blessing Box Repairs - Jerry Kay is interested in fixing the blessing boxes, starting with the one near Unified Bank. Ms. Fisher will be in contact and share information on the Demolition.

- Olivia Kasler created bookmarks on Canva

#### IX. Other

- PBIS kickoff event: students wrote letters of appreciation to local organizations. BB received 7.
- Ms. Sawvel suggested the book “Compassionomics”
- A board meeting will be held November 6, 2024 at 4:30 to review the mini grant application. The coalition meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

#### X. Adjournment

Ms. Sawvel moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

#### Members

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Tomcat Bridgebuilders' Coalition Meeting

November 6, 2024

Members Present: Becky Handa, Svea Maxwell, Olivia Kasler, Diana Chalfant, Jeff Ross, Samantha Gates, Jessica Sarver, Jennifer Shust, Bridget Washburn, Alice Richards, Sarah Fisher, and Ashley Cremeans

Ms. Handa called the meeting to order at 5:36.

#### I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Chalfant moved to approve October 2, 2024 minutes with the following corrections: Add Mr. Ross's name to the minutes, Ms. Chalfant suggested the book Compassionomics; Ms. Richards seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### III. Community Events/Youth

- Ms. Cremeans, Health Recovery Services discussed the Catch My Breath program at Nelsonville-York middle school. She met with the vice principal about in school programming, no additional kids have been sent to ISS for vaping. She also said Rural Women's Recovery House and Bassett House are hiring CDCA and will pay for the certification.
- The library had a video game truck available and hired Andrea Anderson
- The Band of Brothers program has 30 boys signed up and is partnering with Makerspace with an archery program which inspired Ms. Handa to open the club again for 4th-12th grade.
- The Trimble Science Fair at Trimble is 5:30-7:30.

#### IV. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report for October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Ms. Handa moved to approve the report; Mr. Ross seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Ms. Hand will follow-up with United Way about whether or not they will continue to reimburse for book shipments.

#### V. Grants Report

A grant for Christmas in the Village to be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> was approved at the coalition board meeting.

#### VI. Land Bank Update

- The Cornerstone church in Hollister project is waiting on signatures from the Trimble township trustees.
- A duplex is being built at 55 Madison by Survivors Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP).
- There is a building being built on 32 Front St.

#### VII. Old Business

- Ms. Chalfant will add Bridgebuilders to the waiting list for a storage building at Burr Oak.

#### VIII. New Business

- There was no new business.

#### IX. Other

- The next meeting is December 4, 2024

#### X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

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