

12 Apr 00

**THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND  
HELD IN LA SALLE S. S., MONDAY, 10 APR 00, AT 7:30 PM.**

Chairperson: Mr. Ron Brown, President.

Members in attendance:

Mr. Bigelow

Mrs. Bowhey

Mr. Coady

Mrs. Foster

Mr. Hamilton

Mr. Hodgson

Mrs. Hoover

Mr. Sutherland

Mr. McDonald

Mr. Bennett (Legal Counsel)

Plus 85 members of the PCBF general membership.

**OPENING REMARKS**

1. President Brown opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone as well as introducing our local police force members who were present.
2. President Brown then asked the seven candidates or their representatives to address the meeting so that the election of four new Directors could take place concurrently with the conduct of the AGM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. Previous Minutes. It was moved by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Coady **that the Minutes of the Second AGM be accepted**. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report (Up to 31 Dec 99) had been contained in the Newsletter for the AGM and without comment, **was accepted**. The Auditor's report **was also accepted**. It was further moved by Mr. Coady, seconded by Mrs. Foster, **that KPMG be appointed auditors for the next fiscal year**. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Opinion Poll. The Secretary then gave the results of the Opinion Poll which had 400 respondents. **96.5% had voted Yes to conserving the**

**capital** and using just the interest for projects. **86.36% had voted yes to countering the effect of inflation**, thus preserving the fund from depleting in value over the years. The Poll and its results generated a certain amount of discussion. This ranged from:

- a. spending the money and taking note of the fact that Pittsburgh was now part of the City and we should stop thinking and acting as a separate community,
- b. through needing the flexibility to take on a major project, therefore don't change the bylaws to lock in the fund,
- c. to don't need the bylaws changed as both bylaws and present controls are sufficient,
- d. to 400 opinions are not statistically significant for the numbers of members in the Fund (approximately 3500),
- e. to everyone had a chance to participate and if only 400 had the interest to respond, then 400 interested members was significant (Secretary's Note: less than 200 respondents last year),
- f. to finally a request that the tear off sheets requiring mail in response be separate in the package from the News Letter bundle so that they attract attention in a timely fashion.

6. Fund Bylaws. Proposed amendments to the By-laws were contained in the Agenda which was part of the Notice of AGM. The approved amendments will be contained in the next version of the By-laws which will be held in the Library. The amendments were:

It was moved by Mr. Fortier, seconded by Mr. Aquino, **that a new para two be inserted:**

**PURPOSE**

2. **As reflected in the Letters Patent of the Corporation, the purpose of the Fund is to "provide support, benefits and assistance to the residents of the community by:**
  - a. **Developing and fostering community spirit;**
  - b. **Promoting organized athletics, arts, recreation, education, civic emergency, social service and other community endeavours;**
  - c. **Promoting, developing and operating educational, recreational and athletic facilities and equipment within the community,**

**And undertaking such other complementary purposes not inconsistent with these objects".**

After some discussion where it was determined that this was a direct lift from the Letters Patent, which couldn't be changed without due process, regardless of whether the Fund should be "operating" anything, the Motion was carried. (Secretarial Note: Existing paras 2-33 to be renumbered 3-34)

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Tudor, **that the new para 16 be amended at line 6 from "at least two months prior" to read "at least five weeks prior"**. This reflected changing the time frame required for the Nominating Committee to report their nominations to the President prior to an AGM. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Aquino, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, **that a new para 35 be inserted as follows:**

**PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.**

**35. The Parliamentary authority for all meetings and proceedings of the PCBF is *Roberts, Rules of Order*.** Motion carried. (Secretarial Note: Existing paras 34-39 to be renumbered to 36-41)

7. Election Results. The results of the elections were announced. The Chairman thanked the outgoing Board Members and welcomed the new ones:

Mr. Wilson Bigelow;  
Mrs. Hazel Lloyd;  
Mr. Bill MacAdoo; and  
Mr. Clive Milner.

It was moved by Mr. Tudor, seconded by Mr. Thomas, **that the ballots be destroyed**. Motion carried.

8. Items from Floor.

- a. Mr. Skelton gave a progress report on how the PRA fight against the raise in residential taxes was progressing.
- b. Mr. Cunningham thanked the outgoing Board members. He then moved, seconded by Mr. Tudor, **that \$100K be put aside for such things as legal assistance to the PRA, in the fight against the tax hikes that occurred for Pittsburgh residents at amalgamation**. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Thomas, **that the motion be tabled until further study by the Board and the Request Review Committee**. Motion carried.
- c. Mr. Breslow recommended that a better means of information distribution was needed, perhaps something like a website. He volunteered to help if the decision was made to produce a website. (Secretarial note: Not everyone is internet equipped - the problem will still exist - it may be better putting select info into the library,

such as the Letters Patent and the Bylaws, as well as a current membership roll.)

9. Adjournment. It was moved by Mr. Aquino, seconded by Mr. Tudor, **that the meeting adjourn.** Motion carried.

G.L. Coady  
Secretary