

Watts Block Trustees
Meeting Minutes,
September 21, 2022

In attendance: Bill Hahn, Jim Cuthbertson, Neal Guyer, Charles Grover, Chris Hirsch

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Minutes of August 17, 2022 were approved.
3. Bill Hahn reported that two storefronts on the ground floor are now available. There are a few interested parties.
4. As per the recommendations of the Municipal Facilities Committee W.B. Trustees are to report annually on efforts to make the Block reach financial viability so that income from the tenants on the first floor and events on the second floor would cover all expenses of the Block. This is a ten year goal. The Trustees will present to the Municipal Committee at 5:30 pm on September 26th, 2022 on year one progress.
5. Charles Grover reported that a grant request to replace the antiquated heating system for the Block has made progress and is moving along through the Congressional delegation. This is a matching grant and various options for obtaining our portion are being explored.
6. Charles Grover and Bill Hahn brought forward the idea that when the meeting room serves as an art gallery it will make sense to key both that space and perhaps the auditorium.
7. Charles Grover and Bill Hahn led a discussion that when and if our sizable grant request is approved there will be a need to form a sub-committee to oversee how the monies are utilized. This subcommittee should include representatives from the Watts Hall Players, Community Arts, the Trustees as well as local individuals with the technical abilities which will be required. A motion was made and carried that Bill Hahn will serve to represent the Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Submitted by Chris Hirsch, Trustee