

York Road Partnership
General Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2018

St. Mary's of the Assumption Church Hall – 5502 York Road

The January meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Donna Blackwell

President Blackwell welcomed all present and conducted the “I have a link” group activity to allow the members present to get better acquainted.

Monica Lapenta, President of the Italian Cultural Center, Inc. of Maryland, a 501c3 charity established in our community in 1955 and recent organizational member of the YRP, presented its program “Be a Chef for a Day” or “BACFAD”. BACFAD, a community outreach program created in 2015 to teach our children and youth the art of cooking promoting self-sufficiency and allowing children to be heard through the use of nutrition principals, basic fresh ingredients and food science helping to alleviate hunger in our society. Through the creation of “Mr. Brown the Grocery Bag” the program has partnered with Govans Elementary School and soon will open a satellite location at Guilford Elementary Middle School on the York Road corridor. The program also partners region wide with Big Brothers and Big Sisters at the YMCA, Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake and the Food Project of Empower Maryland at the former Samuel FB Morse Elementary School in West Baltimore.

President, Donna Blackwell introduced a proposed by-law amendment to be voted upon at our February Monthly Meeting. The proposed amendment, attached in its entirety, would split the Office of Recording Secretary/Treasurer to two distinct offices of Treasurer and Recording Secretary beginning in the ensuing term of office.

Major announcements:

A general appeal to all members to get involved in one of the 5 Standing Committees: Public Safety, Public Spaces and Greening, Youth development, Business Development, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization.

Meeting was adjourned by President Blackwell at: 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Francesco Legaluppi, Recording Secretary/ Treasurer

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES:

(~~cross out print~~ is a deletion, **bold print** is an addition and regular print is unchanged in the current By-Laws)

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Officers of the YRP shall consist of a President, Vice President, ~~Recording Secretary/Treasurer~~, **Treasurer, Recording Secretary**, and Corresponding Secretary.

Section 5. ~~The Recording Secretary/Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all General and Leadership Committee meetings. Minutes shall be distributed electronically to members prior to the next meeting (printed copies will be available for members who do not have e-mail).~~ The **Recording Secretary/Treasurer** shall be the custodian of any funds received and disbursed by the Leadership Committee and shall keep accurate records of such funds. **The Treasurer shall coordinate all financial operations of the Partnership with the Fiscal Sponsor.**

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Section ~~6~~7. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for the maintenance of a roster of Organizational Members and their representatives and alternates. The Corresponding Secretary shall assure that there is an up-to-date mailing and e-mail list of members and that they are informed of meeting times, dates, locations, and agendas.

Section ~~7~~8. The Leadership Committee of the YRP may act, after consultation and with unanimous agreement of all affected parties, when issues require immediate attention. This may only occur when a regularly scheduled general meeting will not take place before a decision must be made.