

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Purchase Community, Inc. held via Zoom teleconference at 7pm on December 6, 2022.**

At 7:01pm, President Shannon Anderson called the meeting to order. Loren Canell made a motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held December 7, 2021, and Carolyn Rodier seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved. Shannon welcomed all participants to the meeting and reviewed the eligibility criteria to be a Member of the Purchase Community Inc.

**Annual Report:** Shannon stated that according to the records maintained at the Purchase Community House there were 3,271 individual members residing in 1,549 households. This year, the PCH has records of 3,505 individual members and 1,707 households, an increase of 234 members and 158 households.

**Executive Director's Report:** Jim Kelly thanked everyone for attending, and he noted that the last 3 annual meetings have been held via Zoom, and he looks forward to being able to meet in person again at the Community House, hopefully next time. The Community House is making progress recovering from the consequences of the COVID pandemic: preschool programs are back to normal, and the afterschool program is active and vibrant. Jim thanked everyone who participated in the Capital Fundraising Drive. He also made it a point to thank the full-time TEAM members, Tom Havard, Frank and Barbara Paci. Danny DeJesus and Kat have joined the full-time staff this year and Jim thanked them for all they do for the Community House. He also wished to highlight others who help the PCH in its engagement with the community: Nicole Savino of the Institute of Dance, the Purchase Fire Department, Police Department, Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and the Director of the Purchase Free Library. Jim related that the annual fundraising drive has raised about \$40,000, up from last year but the PCH needs to raise even more to support a big increase in project spending for maintenance and repairs to the House.

**Awards Presentations:** Frank Dellaripa was very pleased to announce the Jonathan Yubas Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Sokhna Gaye in recognition of her selfless dedication and leadership. Frank said Sokhna always interacts with TEAM members and children with a smile, and he praised her for her maturity. Jonathan Yubas's daughters Jessica and Natalie Yubas were able to participate in the Zoom and congratulated Sokhna, who was also on the Zoom.

Frank also announced the winner of the William Hitchcock Award, in memory of his 20 years of service. For her dedication to team spirit, leadership, and maturity, Camilla de la Cruz is this year's winner of the Hitchcock Award. Frank said when she is absent from camp or after-school, it is almost as if a TEAM member is missing. Camilla was unable to be on the Zoom because of a conflict with soccer practice, but her mother Lauren, who is a board member and was on the Zoom, will tell her about the award.

Shannon thanked the retiring board Members Michael Winter and MaryLee Liebowitz for their service on behalf of the PCH. Jim acknowledged the 5-year mark of service on the Board for

Shannon, Chuck Atanasio, and Carolyn Rodier. They will receive an embossed Purchase Community House padfolio, as will our newest member.

**Quorum Count Verification:** Jim has received 115 proxies, of which 1 wished to record an abstention, and 114 authorized Shannon to cast their votes. Shannon will be voting on behalf of 114 proxies.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Chuck reviewed the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee. The board is losing 2 members who are retiring, and adding one, Spencer Weinkle, whose children are active participants in Purchase Day Camp and after-school programming. The committee submits a slate of proposed board members for the community to vote on. Chuck made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee's proposed slate to serve on the board for the 2023:

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Shannon Anderson	Clare Conlin	Eleanor Mytych
Charles Atanasio	Lauren De La Cruz	Carolyn Rodier
Andrew Benerofe	Justine Gaeta	Scott Sherman
Loren Canell	Jessica Levinson-Andruk	Spencer Weinkle

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Scott Sherman seconded the motion, and with the votes of the attendees on the Zoom and the 114 votes that Shannon cast via their proxies, the motion carried and the slate was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Chuck moved to adjourn, seconded by Scott, and at 7:22pm Shannon adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Conlin, Secretary.