

# **Citizens for Regional Transit Annual Meeting**

**18 January 2023**

**By Doug Funke**

**President, Citizens for Regional Transit**

**And**

**Jim Gordon**

**Treasurer, Citizens for Regional Transit**



# Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Announcements
- Nominations and Remembrances
- 2023 Budget
- 2022 Accomplishments & 2023 Priorities
  - Doug Funke, CRT President - Summary
  - Jim Gordon, CRT Treasurer - Selective Drill Down
- Adjourn



# 2022 CRT Board Nominations

## Executive Officers:



Douglas Funke  
President



Seth Triggs  
Vice President



James Gordon  
Treasurer



Rebecca Reilly  
Secretary

## Executive Board Members:



Bradley Bethel



Carl Skompinski



Gladys Gifford



Patrick Whalen



Thomas  
DeSantis



# Recognizing Emeritus Board Members



Joan Bozer



Lynn Magdol



# Remembrances

*Elizabeth (Betsy) Giles*

MARCH 4, 1964 – APRIL 29, 2022



*Gregory Paul Stein, PhD*

DECEMBER 21, 1937 – DECEMBER 25, 2022



# Can You Help Us?

## Examples of Help Needed

- Festival Tabling
- Outreach Material Update
- Grant Identification / Writing
- Data Entry (e.g., new members)
- Minutes / Record Keeping
- Spreading the Word at Community Meetings
- Membership and Sponsor Recruiting
- Letters-to-the-Editor
- Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter (boost, share...)

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# 2023 Budget

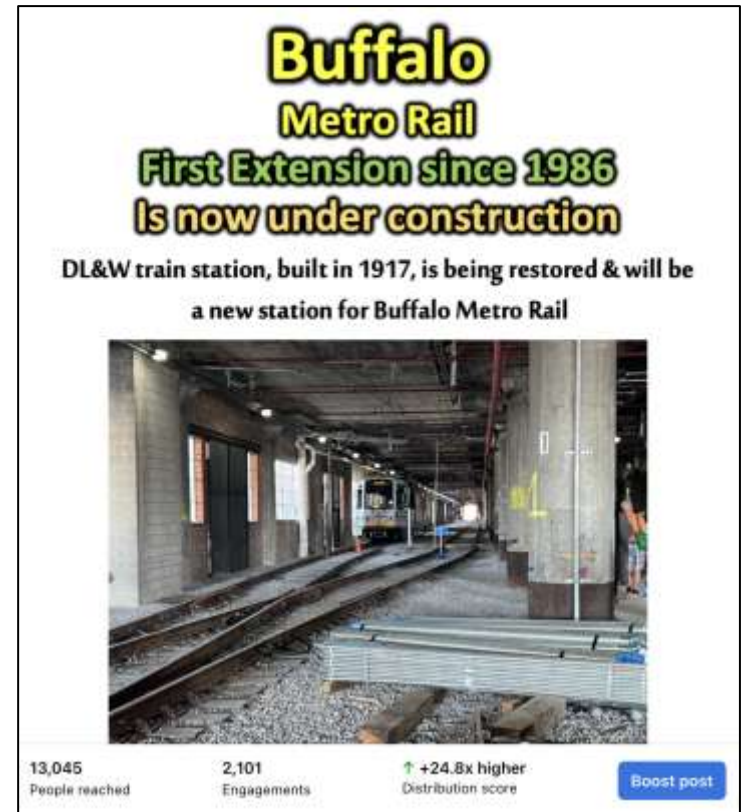
Budget Items	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Previous Yr Closing Balance M&T Bank		1,164.42	
Previous Yr Closing Balance PayPal		1,564.99	
Previous Yr Ending Balance Combined		2,729.41	
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>			
Computer (TBD consideration)			-800.00
<b>Budget</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	300.00	712	700
Dues	500.00	735	700
Grants	0.00	0	50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,450</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Copy & Printing	0	0	50
Office Supplies & Postage	40	0	50
Event Registrations	0	315	350
Conferences, Tickets, Transportation	600	0	200
Ads	0.00	0	0
Memberships (NYPTA, B-Preservation)	135	135	150
Miscellaneous (Betsy's Plaque)	100	410	150
Web Hosting / Domain Listing	250	453	500
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,450</b>
Difference between income & expenses (2021 surplus = \$348.45)	-325.00	144.00	0.00





# Some 2022 Highlights

- **DL&W Terminal extension**
  - *under construction!*
- **\* Buffalo – Amherst LRT Extension**
  - Federal Transit Agency (FTA) Is Sponsor
  - Preferred Local Alternative (PLA) Selected
  - *Engineering Study Funding in Place*
- **\* Cornell / PPG High Road Fellowship**
  - 2021, 2022: Study of Social and Economic Benefits of East Side Airport Extension
  - 2023 proposal: Improve CRT Outreach Capability
- **\* Equitable TOD Workshop Series**





# Some 2022 Highlights

- **Successful Petition (517 signatures)**
  - Make transit competitive with driving
  - Coordinate road diets with transit investments
  - Study transit connections between Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Southern Ontario
  - Integrate transit with regional planning
  - Fix the transit funding problem
- **Tabling and Outreach at Festivals Again**
- **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) Passed.**
  - Scoping Plan Published
- **Erie County Climate Action Plan Completed**
  - Calls for Extending Buffalo Metro Rail and transit improvements
- **Monitored NFTA and GBNRTC Operations Providing Inputs and Critique** (e.g., serve on NFTA CAC, attend public hearings, etc.)



# Some 2022 Highlights

- Completed Training Video for non-English Speaking Immigrants
- Increased Transit Funding
- Successful 2023 PPG Plank Proposal (with BTRU, snow removal)
- \* Initiated Humboldt Parkway Campaign
  - Campaign Calls for Restoring Humboldt Parkway, Extending Light Rail Instead
- Dedicated Bench and Plaque for Betsy



# Looking Ahead to 2023

- Snow removal at bus stops & sidewalks
- \* Restore Humboldt and Extend Buffalo Metro
- Implement Erie County Climate Action Plan
- Make transit competitive with driving!



Picture courtesy of GoBike Buffalo



# Looking Ahead to 2023

- The World's Greatest Waterfront
- Amtrak Improvements
  - Cleveland-Buffalo-Toronto Enhancements
  - High Speed Rail (HSR)
- Electric Buses Coming to Buffalo
- Funding In Place to Initiate Design of a linear Transit Hub on North Division Street

