

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
July 21, 2019
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:00 am

Present: John Adams, Frank Borsas, Toni Cesta, Mary Ellen Manning, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Tina Salandra, Angela Smith, Joyce Yaeger

Absent:

Issue	Action
Review of minutes of meeting of May 19, 2019	Minutes accepted as written
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Tina reviewed the Operating Budget through July 17, 2019. Operating Fund has a balance of \$-17,664. The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of \$55,852. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$2,601 The interest bearing account has a balance of \$210,043. See handout for complete details. To date matching donations are \$26,675 including those made last year. Goal was \$25,000 so that has been exceeded. An additional \$1,000 is needed for Damminex to be even. The Italian Street Fair made a profit of \$10,000. Thanks to those who donated food and time.

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Old Business	<p>Charlie Balmer provided minutes that he took at the meeting held on May 19 after the General Membership meeting during which mooring boats at the new dock was discussed.</p> <p>Diane summarized the updates for the members. She reported that Town of Brookhaven will not be changing the codes this year regarding docking but probably will next year. This year four boats can moor on the southeast side. Diane spoke with Neil Foley and the town attorney who said that boats in Fire Island are only allowed in marinas. The dock is now considered a ferry terminal following Sept. 11, 2001 and is now under the Dept. of Homeland Security. Don Hester saw Neil Foley and considered suing but ToB has too many attorneys to reasonably fight with. The boaters will continue to address this issue themselves.</p> <p>Todd Erickson reported on his project called "Bay to Ocean". It is a beautification program with the goal of creating a promenade from the dock to the ocean. He will be working with some businesses along the way. The goal is to complete the project in 3 years.</p> <p>Diane thanked all those who cleaned the debris off the beach and to Todd for organizing the clean up days. Also thanks to the Dune Fund for matching funds to cover removal costs.</p>
CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>Community House: Toni announced that she is now accepting donations for the fundraiser for flooring in the dressing rooms as well as the roof deck. Donors can select either location. People can buy a "star" that will be permanently placed into the flooring or on the wall upstairs. Applications are available from Toni or on the CGCAI website. Each star is \$500.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce reported that this year's honorees are Edie Fraser, Gerri Losquadro and the Spotlight award goes to Jim Fallon. Richard and Angela are taking ads. Deadline for ads is July 31. Tickets are \$125 and will go on sale at the Community House this Saturday from 10 am - 12 pm. People can but individual seats or an entire table. Food will be family style.</p>

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Property Owner's Association Report:	<p>Dock Report: Steve Williams reported that the luggage rack and benches are pending and will be at the north end of the dock. The large flags were damaged during the tornado and will take about \$5,000 to replace including several sets for the season, both gay and American flags. Larger flags will be used during holidays. Smaller flags will be used at other times to mages replacement costs.</p> <p>Steve also reported that the businesses are working on recycling. Residents should use the triple stream method as follows: 1. Glass 2. Metal and plastic 3. Paper and cardboard. Each should go into a separate bag and then into the same can.</p> <p>FIMI will be applying sand on our beach beginning in October.</p>
Other Community Associations	<p>Walk Captains: Rhonda reported that the second application of Damminnex will take place on August 1. She requested that those who haven't paid please do so.</p> <p>APCG: Dennis reported that 2019 was the last year for fireworks. Casino is this Saturday and the theme is Emerald City. See aPCG website for additional programs throughout the summer and early fall.</p> <p>Dunes Fund: Bobbie Green thanks everyone for the Beach Clean-up and thanked Cherries and Donna Pirhana for the fundraiser that raised \$3,000. The snow fencing is complete with expenses YTD of \$35,000. Donations are currently at \$10,000.</p> <p>Memorial Fund: Richard reported that Reported that the endowment has \$280,000. \$10,000 was donated to the APCG and \$1,000 to the Archives.</p> <p>Post Office: Alison reported that \$4,000 worth of stamps have been bought to date with a goal of \$10,000. Betty currently has some Christmas stamps for sale.</p> <p>Archives Committee: Troy reported that the Archives Show I was yesterday and continues today. Thanks to Alison for recording the videos of people's favorite Cherry Grove memories. The silent auction of Susan Kravitz's book raised \$1,500.00.</p>

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Other Business	<p>Ken Osman discussed the possibility of putting two memorials in Chery Grove, one for U.S. veterans past and present as well as a memorial for fire fighters. A proposed location is in front of the EMS house or in front of the Community House. They would be resin on cement pedestals with bronze plaques. Fundraising needs would be dependent on the location selected. Diane recommended that a committee be formed to formerly present the proposal at the September meeting. Ken, Mike Pinto and Anita will comprise the committee.</p> <p>Diane reported the Town of Brookhaven will be starting a Quality of Life and a Capital Improvement Project covering a variety of issues relevant to Fire Island. New lines will be run in the fall from Ocean Beach to Fire Island Pines.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am</p> <p>Next meeting: September 15, 2019 at 10 am in the Community House</p>
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