

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
May 19, 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

Absent:

| Issue | Action |
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| Review of minutes of meeting of Sept 9, 2018 | Minutes accepted as written |
| Budget/ Treasurer's Report | <p>Tina reviewed the Operating Budget through May 15, 2019. Operating Fund has a balance of \$-3,820. The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of \$13,353. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$2,601 The interest bearing account has a balance of \$210,015.96.</p> <p>See handout for complete details.</p> <p>To date matching donations are at \$20,500 with a goal of \$25,000. Please donate if you can.</p> |

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CGCAI Committee Reports

Community House: Toni reported that we are in the process of obtaining permits for the observation deck. Once the permits are in hand that Toni can apply for the Gardner Grant to try to deflect some of the \$150,000 that the deck will cost..

Toni announced that she is now accepting donations for the fundraiser for flooring in the dressing rooms. People can buy a "star" that will be permanently placed into the flooring. Applications are available from Toni or on the CGCAI website. Each star is \$500.

Another set of egress stairs has been built at the front of the building as per the Fire Marshall.

New lighting and electrical for behind the stage is complete and paid for by APCG. Thank you!

Honors: Joyce reported that this year's honorees are Edie Fraser, Gerri Losquadro and the Spotlight award goes to Jim Fallon. Joyce reviewed some information on each honoree.

Fundraiser: Diane announced that there will be a party called "Not Your Momma's Italian Street Fair" on July 6 from 4-7 pm. 4 people from the Grove will be cooking. Come dressed as your favorite Italian. Tickets on sale soon for \$125 each.

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**Property Owner's
Association Report:**

Board: Steve Williams, president, Alison Amron, Trees and Zoning, Amy Schreiber, Time Arnold - "trash queen".

Dock Report: Gerri reported that the dock is 99% complete and reviewed the history of the last dock that failed in 2014. She thanked Doreen Rallo and Richard Schack for their hard work in getting the dock completed. Thanks to Justin Dobay for being the "eyes and ears" over the winter. Thanks to Todd Erickson for his contributions and to Jacque Piazza for allowing her dock to be used. Thanks for Tony's Barge and Esposito family for cleaning up quickly and efficiently. Thanks to Stein Family for their cooperation and ferries. Thanks to Diane Romano for her steadfast support.

There will be new 60 foot poles placed for the flags. New benches garbage corrals and luggage racks are being built.

There are issues with docking boats at the new dock. Because this is a multi-faceted issue the topic was tabled as part of the General Membership meeting and a follow-up meeting took place immediately after the General Membership meeting. At that meeting Diane said that she would try to work through our issues with Brookhaven and will keep the parties informed of the progress.

Diane mentioned that Brookhaven will be building a new walk along Main as we lost our wagon rack after 60 years.

Waste Management: See "Trash Talk" handout for details and recycling changes.

Barbara Esposito from Tony's Barge presented updates on recycling and other issues. Recycling will now be every week and will be triple stream. Paper and clean cardboard, Plastics and metals and glass are all each separate. See handout.

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| Other Community Associations | <p>Vector Control: Anna Tirado reported that we will be using Thermacell this year for tick control but that we are short on money. Anna also reported on a variety of other repellants that can be bought at Goodies or online that are non-DEEP products. Todd mentioned about removing standing water, a major breeding ground for mosquitoes.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Board walk painting will take place on June 1. The new calendar has been distributed. Also thanked current walk captains.</p> <p>APCG: Panzi thanked the APCG Board for their service. Andi Porzio is a new Board member. Thanks to Ken Woodhouse for all the work he does to maintain the Community House. Thanks to Toni for her help with the building. Thanks to the Memorial Fund for their contributions to the new sound and light systems.</p> <p>The new calendar was reviewed. The Archives Show will be on July 20 & 21. Gay Pride Day is June 22 with an open house at the Community House and a dance followed by fire works. The APCG needs \$16,000 to have the fireworks so please increase your donations as a sponsor was lost this year.</p> <p>Dunes Fund: Don reported that \$8,000 has been put back into the endowment fund after a short fall last year. The Fund will be providing up to \$10,000 to assist in cleaning up the beach. Susan Thornton announced that the Artist's Tour is partnering with the Dunes Fund again this year So please come to the show on June 7 from 5 - p.m. and look at the art and buy the art.</p> <p>Beautification Project: Todd Erickson announced that he has started a project to clean up and beautify the area from Dock to Ocean. The project may take several seasons to complete.</p> <p>He also that the beach cleanup day was a success and that he has raised \$8500 so far and the Dunes Fund will match that for the cost of removing the debris from the beach. There will be one more day for debris removal.</p> <p>The Belmont Race Fundraiser on June 8 at the Island Breeze will donate 50% of the proceeds toward the beautification project.</p> <p>Memorial Fund: Reported that the endowment has \$286,000. Previous year's earnings are spent on the following year.</p> <p>Post Office: Betty reported that the main post office in Colorado is considering closing the Cherry Grove Post Office so please buy stamps</p> |
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| Other Business | <p>Effective now - Wide carts will only be allowed to be used M-F till p.m. and not on weekends. Everyone will need a new 2019 sticker.</p> <p>The old flag poles from the dock will be reused, one to replace an old one at the fire house, one at the back of the Community House and hopefully a spot for the third one will be found.</p> <p>Diane reported that Ernie will begin construction on the Tides building next week.</p> <p>Mike Fischer reported that Gay Pride - NYC and world-wide is this year and that he is organizing a group to March for Cherry Grove. All the slots have been taken. But if anyone wants to help to carry the flag you need to arrive at 4 pm.</p> <p>An announcement was made that there will be a "Summer Solstice" Gay Pride party on the beach from 12p-6pm on Gay Pride day.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am</p> <p>Next meeting: July 21, 2019 at 10 am in the Community House</p> |
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