

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES  
July 15, 2018  
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta

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

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

Absent: Frank Borsas

Issue	Action
<b>Review of minutes of meeting of May 20, 2018</b>	Minutes accepted as written
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Diane reported that the Tides building was purchased by "Ernie" who plans of fixing it up and putting in a new business, possibly restaurant and/or bar.</p> <p>Diane also reported that the Town of Brookhaven is in the process of condemning the property called "Idle Days".</p> <p>The Hotel's second floor is open. The first floor should be open in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Diane talked about the need for "volunteerism" and encouraged those who are not involved to volunteer their time to help with many different activities going on in the Grove.</p> <p>David spoke about the pine needle beetles and the need to chop down trees that are infected. If anyone has nay questions they can contact Jordan Raphael: <a href="mailto:jordan.raaphael@nps.gov">jordan.raaphael@nps.gov</a> or call 631-687-4769.</p> <p>The House Blessing will be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.</p>

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<b>Budget/ Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Tina reviewed the Operating Budget through June 30, 2018. Operating Fund has a balance of \$84,837.00. The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of zero. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$4,101. The interest bearing account has a balance of \$211,206.</p> <p>See handout for complete details.</p> <p>Tina reported that the membership is up by \$7,000 (40%) over last year. Damminnex is break even. \$2,000 has been taken in for raffles. APCG reimbursed CGCAI over \$6,000 for the cost of fire main repairs that happened over the winter.</p>
<b>CGCAI Committee Reports</b>	<p>Community House: Toni reported that the pergola and wet bar on the roof deck will be completed as soon as possible. The Judy Stein fence will be completed at the same time. \$30,000 needs to be raised to replace the flooring in the dressing rooms and another \$17,500 to replace the electrical system behind the stage. The Fire Marshall cited CGCAI for extension cords behind the stage and around and near the sound and light booth. The APCG has offered to pay for the electrical repairs. The Gardiner grant for the Observation deck is underway. The plans have been completed and have been submitted to Brookhaven for approval. \$100,000 is needed to complete the observation deck.</p> <p>Membership: Dave announced that there are currently 174 CGCAI members. He encouraged members present to invite anyone they know who is not a member to join the Association.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce announced this year's honorees: Anita Auricchio, Jack Dowling, Ruth and Susan Freedner and Valerie Perez and Evelyn Danko. The event will be on August 18 in the Community House. George McGarvey will decorate again this year. Thanks to Craig and Julian for housing George and Bruce. Richard is spearheading ad sales. All ads must be in by July 31. Tickets will be sold by the table or individually, but either way seats will be assigned in advance. Only 120 tickets will be sold in total.</p> <p>Sand Castle will be catering again this year.</p>

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<b>Property Owner's Association Report:</b>	<p>Gerri Losquadro discussed that Cherry Grove is the only community on Fire Island without an erosion control district. If we go forward with creating one, homeowners would elect to tax themselves to pay for it. FIMI will eventually be replaced by FIMP, a 20 - 30 year project to nourish the beach. The Erosion Control District would be funded by 75% Federal monies, 12.5% State and 12.5% by taxing home owners. Gerri stated that a proposal will be presented next season and that 51% of assessed value in Cherry Grove would be needed for approval.</p> <p>Beach Attendant and Dock Report: Doreen reported that the new dock will be done this winter. Permit from Army Corp of Engineers has not yet been obtained. Bids will be going out to contractors shortly with construction slated to begin in the fall. A discussion ensued regarding the design of the dock. Gerri shared that the plans will be available on-line.</p>
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<b>Other Community Associations</b>	<p>APCG: Panzi recognized the APCG and also that Anita is receiving an Honors Award this year. He also reported that APCG continues to collaborate with Daniel Nardicchio. He gave special thanks to the Memorial Fund and to Tim Webster for their help in completing the sound system. He mentioned that APCG will be paying for the electrical repairs behind the stage and in the sounds booth. Several Thursday evenings will include cabarets in the Community House. July is Chris Caz and August 23 is Shirley Ritnour. Next weekend is the Archives Committee Film Festival plus many more events over the rest of the season.</p> <p>Dunes Fund: Don Hester reported that expenses in 2017 were &gt;\$23,000, the majority of which went of snow fencing. This resulted in a deficit of \$4,999 in contributions. Over a mile of new snow fencing went up by July 4.</p> <p>Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment has \$252,000. A \$10,000 grant was given toward the sound system and \$1,000 to Archives Committee. See handout for details. He welcomed new Board member Steve Williams.</p> <p>Damminnex: Todd reported that they are looking at alternative ideas for mosquito control. One example is boric acid and orange juice. More information to come.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Lorraine reviewed the roles of the walk captains and how helpful they are to the community.</p> <p>Post Office: Lorraine also reported that the post office is doing well. Many Amazon packages are coming over. In order to send packages you must have a post office box plus a Chery Grove address. Maximum package weight is 70 lbs. Be supportive and buy stamps!</p>
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<p><b>Other Community Associations</b></p>	<p>Garden Club: Peter reported that they spent \$1,400 for grasses in front of the Community House which was paid in part by the garden tour.</p> <p>David reported that there is a pitch pine disease from the southern pine beetle. You can see it on the bark and looks like popcorn resin. The entire tree has to be removed if it is infected.</p> <p>Damminix: Anna reported that Damminix donations are needed for a short fall this year. She thanked everyone for their support in removing standing water. She reported that the larvaecide will start this week. Anna mentioned that she was going to try to start a new tick program this year but it is delayed and so the Damminex program as per usual will start on June 2. Todd Erickson talked about starting an "integrated pest management" program and is reaching out to colleges to see if we can get a new mosquito program going.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Julie Paradise acknowledged the walk captains for all their hard work. A few walks still need captains. Anyone with a post office box must re-sign up for their box. Mail must be picked up from the dock on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Tuesday was uncovered and Ceejay volunteered to pick up the mail on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce: Rob from there Ice Palace reported that the hotel's second floor will be opening in June and the first floor in July.</p> <p>Lynn and Todd discussed the ferry schedule and that the 11 pm boats may be removed as the three year trial is ending. This will have a negative effect on the businesses as people wont be able to come over for dinner in the Grove and then go home on the late boat. They expressed lots of concern over the freight prices. Coastline's fright schedule is approved by Suffolk County. According to Ken Stein, the process haven't changed in three years.</p>
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<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am</b></p>	<p>PAWS: Valerie gave thanks to Barbara Cerrone and Todd Erickson for capturing 4 kittens born in the Grove and thanked the community for its support.</p> <p>Fire Department and EMS: Steve reported that all are up and running. The cell tower over the fire house is moving ahead and initial construction is done. They are waiting for permits and so major construction wont start until then. Fiber optics are completed. Project will be going into next year.</p> <p>Troy reported that the Film Festival is sold out for Friday and Saturday evenings. The VIP reception is Thursday night.</p> <p>Next General Membership Meeting: Sept. 9, 2018 in the Community House</p>
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