

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
July 16, 2017

Recorded by Toni Cesta

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

Present: John Adams, Toni Cesta, Jean Jerome, Maryellen Manning, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo

Absent: Frank Borsas, Joyce Yaeger

Issue	Action
Review of minutes of meeting of May 21, 2017	Minutes accepted as written
Announcements	Diane reported that the bulkhead issue with Judy Stein still continues.
1. Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Jean reviewed the Operating Budget through 7/16/17. Operating Fund has a balance of \$450,657 The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of - \$138,037. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$10,616.00 The \$221,000 from the sale of the Doctor's House remains in an interest bearing account. See handout for complete details.

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2. CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>Community House: Toni reported that we are hoping to have the second floor completed in time for the Honors program. Toni thanked the Archives Committee for its donation of a signed gay flag made by Gilbert Baker. The Archives Committee will frame the flag and the Board agreed that it should be hung in the Community House.</p> <p>Toni thanked Ken Woodhouse for all of his support in working with CGCAI in maintaining the Community House and assisting with special projects.</p> <p>Daine thanked Ken for the poop bags around town.</p> <p>Membership: Dave announced that there are currently 163 members.</p> <p>Fundraising: Thanks to Craig and Julian for sponsoring this year's fundraiser at the Belvedere that raised \$32,100.00.</p> <p>Honors: Diane announced this year's honorees: Walter Kowalsky, George McGarvey, Sue Panzer, Roland Michely</p> <p>The event will be on August 12 from 6-9 pm in the Community House. Tickets are \$125.00 and will be sold in front of the Community House for the next 3 weekends by Bobbie Green.</p>
2. CGCAI Committee Reports	

**Property Owner's
Association Report:**

Doreen Rallo presented an update on the dock construction. The POA is still hoping to complete the dock by the spring of 2018. They are waiting for the DEC permit.
Other plans include making the dock 3 feet wider and also higher.
They are hoping to build over the existing dock to reduce costs by not having to demolish the old dock. The old dock can also be used during construction.
Plans are to have freight and garbage on the south west side of the dock.
Also, schedules for ferry, freight and garbage will be better organized so that each service is on the dock alone at any given time.
The building for staff at the end of the dock will probably not happen.
If the permits are not obtained in time to start in the fall, then POA may make some repairs to the surface deck.
The Main Walk access is not part of the dock plan and is off the table.

Other Community Associations

APCG: Panzi reported that they are having a good year and thanked to community. Membership is at 350. He announced that this year's homecoming queen is Ginger Snap. Panzi also reviewed all the activities that take place in the Community House and that ticket sales go toward keeping the Community House open. He also announced that the Mike Fischer movie will be shown again on Sept. 3. The nominating committee has decided to leave the APCG Board intact.

Next Sunday Northwell Hopes will have a presentation titled "Emergenices in Paradise". There will also be testing for Hep C.

Dunes Fund: Bobbie Green thanked all the House Blessing volunteers for helping to raise over \$6000 this year. The garbage corrals and snow fencing are done. The grasses that were moved from the Community House are doing well.

Memorial Fund: Juan Punchin reviewed the Fund's finances. The endowment fund has a total of \$246,100. The \$6,000 in interest went toward the APCG soundsystem

Garden Club: Richard Reilly reported that the garden tour was very successful again this year. The annual bake sale will be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. The plantings across from the Community House are hiding holes in the fence.

Chamber of Commerce: Also concerned about freight prices and will work with CGCAI.

Damminix: Anna reported that the next application will be on August 12. The larvaecide for the mowquitoes is continuing. Anna reviewed various ways to manage mosquitos on properties.

Walk Captains: Lorraine asked that anyone who hasnt paid for thier Damminnex do so as soon as possible. The walk paintings were done very well. Lorraine and other volunteers will be cleaning the wagon rack on Main Walk.

Fire Department: Arthur reported that the cell tower is under way. Verizon has applied for another set of permits for the cell distribution. Estimated time frame for completion is about 2 months. Fliers for thre National Fire Prevention Week are available. There will be a defensive driving class on July 30 at 9 am. Fee for non-fire dept people is \$35.00. You get a 10% discount on insurance for 3 years.

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New Business	<p>Diane reviewed two petitions. One is to Brookhaven to have the Tides building at 177 Ocean Walk demolished. The second petition is to Sayville Ferry regarding the freight charges that have been imposed without notice or discussion. Both petitions were passed around for signature.</p> <p>Diane announced the CGCAI nominating committee: Joanne Tavis Richard Shack Thom Hansen</p> <p>Valerie thanked everyone for their support of PAWS. There will be a pet blessing at the ICE Palace on August 12.</p>
Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am	Next General Membership Meeting: Sept. 17, 2017 in the Community House

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Other Business

Post Office: Betty, the post mistress, reported that last year a total of \$9156 in stamps alone were sold in the Cherry Grove Post Office. She thanked Lorraine, Allison and Annette for covering her while she was out sick and that post office boxes are available. Betty then reported that an official complaint has been filed against her to have her fired. The complaint was lodged to the Sayville Post Office. People should speak to the Officer in Charge there to advocate for Betty. Ceejay and Peg offered to go speak to the Office on behalf of the Community as well. A petition can also be started to keep Betty in the Grove if anyone wants to do that.

Diane reported that Bob Lerch has noted an huge infestation of rats in the old Tides building.

Diane reported that a flag pole is being erected on the roof of the Community House and that it was donated by Dennis McConkey.

Guest Kisha Sumner from the Long Island Men's Health Survey announced that she is a research assistant and will be available to meet people regarding a CDC project surveying high risk populations.

Mike Pinto mentioned that people are dumping debris at the end of East Walk so that people can't get into the bay to kayak.