

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
May 21, 2017

Recorded by Toni Cesta

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

Present: John Adams, Frank Borsas, Toni Cesta, Jean Jerome, Mary Ellen Manning, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Joyce Yaeger

Absent:

Issue	Action
Review of minutes of meeting of September 18, 2016	Minutes accepted as written
Announcements	Diane requested a minute of silence in honor of the passing of the CGCAI Board member Lynn Lewis.
1. Budget/ Treasurer's Report	<p>Jean reviewed the Operating Budget through 5/20/17. Operating Fund has a balance of \$458,741 The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of -\$105,925.. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$11,371 \$201,000 has been placed in an interest bearing account while higher yielding accounts are being investigated. Diane explained that CGCAI had a negative balance last year of -\$178,000 including a loan from the Operating Fund and from other individual loans which have been paid back. See handout for complete details.</p> <p>Diane reported that the Doctor's House sale has been completed. The sale price was \$500,000 with a \$50,000 credit for needed work on the building. CGCAI netted \$421,000.</p> <p>Diane reviewed the costs associated with the Judy Stein bulkhead. To date CGCAI has had to outlay about \$26,000 in legal fees and permits to resolve the issue.</p>

2. CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>Community House: Toni reported that the kitchen, landscape lighting, sign with lighting were completed this spring. Permits are under way to complete the second floor deck, pergola and wet bar over the lobby.</p> <p>Membership: Dave announced that there are currently 130 members and reviewed the various membership options.</p> <p>Fundraising: Frank announced that to date \$1.675 mil has been raised for the SOCH project. \$181,000 last year in fundraising and namings. This year's event will be at the Belvedere on July 8 from 4-7 pm. The theme will be the 50s.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce announced this year's honorees: Walter Kowalsky, George McGarvey, Sue Panzer, Roland Michely The event will be on August 12 from 6-9 pm in the Community House.</p>
2. CGCAI Committee Reports	
Property Owner's Association Report:	<p>Gerri Losquadro discussed the status of the dock replacement project. The committee consists of Gerri, Ken Stein, Ron King and Deb Lallier. The Engineering Firm of L.K. McLain is completing the design plans. We are hoping to float a 12 year bond to cover the costs. Construction is planned to begin in November and it will be a 4-6 month project. A temporary dock will be built. The dock will be covered with Epi, a Brazilian hardwood rated as concrete and fire retardant.</p> <p>Gerri also reported that docking fees are \$30,000 this year and the water taxi fees have increased as well. Reserve in the operating fund is \$360,000 and grants should cover the rest of the cost.</p> <p>Steve Williams will manage the mailings allowing the creation of an erosion control district so we can access funds.</p> <p>Garbage District - every five years the rate is renewed. This year Tony's Barge increased the rate by 55%. Although Brookhaven negotiated it down a bit it still went up by \$91,000.</p> <p>June 3 is Cherry Grove Clean-up Day Regarding recycling, you can designate any garbage can for recycling by placing a recycling sticker on it.</p>

Other Community Associations

APCG: Panzi reviewed the 2017 calendar of events. The flea market raised \$6,000 this year. June 17 will be the Gay Pride Parade at 2 pm with Edie Windsor as the Grand Marshall. There will be a reception for Edie at 5 pm and fire works at 9 pm. Donations for the fire works will be gladly accepted.

Panzi also reported that a new sound system is being installed. It will cost \$40,000. The Memorial Fund has donated \$6,000 toward the project.

The Archive Committee is working to save our history and the Memorial Fund has also made a donation to support the archiving of materials of \$2500.

Doctor's Fund: Fund is coming to an end and will be transitioning out at the end of 2017. The Fund donated \$50,000 to Northwell Health to apply toward the cost of the Doctors House. They also donated \$1000 toward dog poop bags. Thanks to Joanne Tavis for all her work.

Dunes Fund: Don Hester reported that expenses in 2016 were \$17,769, the majority of which went of snow fencing. Total income was \$17, 439. The garbage corrals will be on the beach next week. Cherry Grove got an addition of sand over the winter. See handout for details.

Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment has \$250,125. A \$2500 grant was given to the Archives Committee for 2017 and \$6,000 to Archives Committee. See handout for details.

Garden Club: Peter reported that the Garden Tour and reception will be on July 1. He also reported that there is a bag worm infestation that is killing trees.

Damminix: Anna reported that the larvaecide applications are on-going . The Damminix program in underway and people can pick up their tubes from their walk captain.

Walk Captains: Julie Paradise acknowledged the walk captains for all their hard work. June 10-11 will be boardwalk painting days.

**Meeting adjourned at
11:53 am**

Next General Membership Meeting: July 16, 2017 in the Community House

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.