

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
June 28, 2020
General Membership Meeting

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

Present: John Adams, Toni Cesta, Ed Fraser, David Medina, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Tina Salandra, Denise Samide, Amy Schreiber, Angela Smith, Joyce Yaeger

Absent:

Review of minutes of meeting of September 15, 2019	Minutes accepted as written
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Tina reported that membership is dramatically down by half. Thermacell payments are also way down. Revenue to date has been \$24,000 with expenditures of \$50,000. It takes about \$70,000 a year to run the Community House. Since most people pay their dues at the first meeting in May and we are not meeting in person, some may have forgotten. People can pay their dues online. Contributions would also be greatly appreciated.
Old Business	Rat Program: Diane reported that Cherry Grove had a significant rat problem last year and has been getting worse continuously for several years. Based on donations, we were able to start a program using an exterminator. There are bait boxes on 2x4s placed under the walks. Please do not remove them. The exterminating company reports a 60% reduction in rats. Diane also reminded everyone that garbage brings rats. Everyone should use garbage cans with tight fitting lids and certainly no bags that deer and racoons can rip open. In an effort to help with the problem, CGCAI is selling "animal proof" garbage cans at Goodies for \$50.00, tax included. Charlie Balmer will not take any profit on the cans. Any surplus will go to CGCAI.
CGCAI Committee Reports	Community House: Toni reported that we have received our Certificate of Compliance for the roof deck, pergola, and front stairs. Toni thanked everyone who has purchased a Star to support the replacement of the flooring

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	<p>in the dressing rooms. The dressing room flooring and Stars have been installed. We will continue to sell Stars as there is still room for more. This money will help to support the Community House.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce reported that this year's Honors will recognize the frontline and essential workers related to Covid-19. If anyone knows of someone who fits into this category, please let Joyce know. There will not be a traditional dinner this year. The event will be of a different type and plans have not yet been finalized. 'We will be selling ads for a Book of Memories/Heroes that will help to defray this year's costs.</p> <p>Joyce reported that CGCAI is working on a new website that it is planned to go live toward the middle of July. More to come on that.</p>
<p>Property Owner's Association Report:</p>	<p>Steve Williams reported that Tim Arnold is working well with Tony's Barge and that the Clean-up Day was highly successful. Trash flyers were recently distributed to homes. The most difficult thing this year has been management of the trash cans for the beach. A trash can "warden" is still needed to empty the cans twice a week. Cans near beach entrances may need additional emptying. The job pays about \$300 a week with flexible hours. If anyone is interested, let Steve know.</p> <p>Tim and Steve have made changes to the cans on the beach. The cans have been moved to Lewis Walk to make it easier to empty them.</p> <p>Tim Arnold reported that recycling remains the same and includes three separate groups for glass, paper and cardboard, and metal and plastic.</p> <p>Tim reported that the Post Office Committee has been working on some solutions for the Post Office. Needed are more post office boxes as well as a place for Betty to store parcels. The committee has raised \$2000 to build a structure for the parcels. The main Post Office is providing the new boxes. Both will be located outside on the Main Walk side. A sketch of the locations will be provided to Davis Underwood who owns the property.</p> <p>Currently more people are living in the Grove full time and need mailboxes. If you aren't using</p>

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	<p>yours, please give it up or share with a housemate. Diane added that Sayville Post Office understood that we needed more boxes, but she had to go to the Corporate Post Office to get them paid for. They are putting in locks and we will hopefully receive them after that, but it may take a while. They will go into a cement base so that they can't be stolen</p>
<p>Other Community Associations</p>	<p>Vector and Tick Control Report: Anna Tirado reported that the first application of ThermoCell did not happen this year due to Covid-19. The second application (which is really the first) will be in July. Suffolk County still comes every Monday to spray for mosquitos. We have had less rain this spring, but things are starting to get more humid and eggs will begin to hatch. If anyone has a cart they do not want, they can donate it to the vector control people.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Rhonda Wade reported that the trash fliers are out. That is it for the season so far. Will put out ThermoCell when the time comes. Ken Woodhouse is taking over as walk captain for Holly House and Karen McCutchen for Main Walk. Rhonda says that they also need ne volunteers so let her know if you want to volunteer.</p> <p>Fire Dept and EMS: Steve Williams reported on behalf of Craig Williams who is in his final year of a 4-year term as Chief. He reminded everyone that the pull boxes were removed last year, and everyone should call 911 for emergencies. There have been various issues related to Covid-19 including the need to have less people entering a home for an emergency. There is a new fire sub-station at Duryea and Bayview Walk. A new fire truck is coming at the end of July. It will be named after Lynn Hutton. A Go-Fund-Me page has been set up to help defray the cost of the new truck. Additionally, the Memorial Fund has made a donation of \$10,00 toward the truck.</p>

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APCG:

Panzi reported that the board spent a lot of time on this season's calendar of events with most activities having to be cancelled because of Covid-19. They are now taking things one day at a time. Various meetings and groups are still meeting in the Community House. They will continue to monitor New York State's phased openings.

Anyone interested can see the video of the Homecoming Queen Contest. IKEA is the 2020 Queen.

APCG was down over 200 members versus last year but many people joined after the Homecoming Queen contest. Panzi thanked silver and gold members who re-upped even though there are no shows.

APCG received a grant for \$25,000. Fulfillment of the grant will have to wait until next year due to Covid-19.

There will be a cabaret with IKEA and no audience that will be seen online. There will also be readings from Gay Nathan and Tommy Tush's play "Exit Stage Right".

The Invasion of the Pines was also cancelled this year. There will be a ceremonial Invasion with a small boat to the Pines and right back.

Archives Committee:

Troy reported that the film festival was cancelled due to Covid-19 and will be rescheduled for next season. Scanning and digitizing is continuing.

Please visit www.cherrygrovearchivescollection.com

Dune Fund:

Bobbie Green reported that \$27,000 was received in donations in 2019. Have spent \$30,000 this year. They have ordered 30 more rolls of fencing than usual. Bad areas have leveled out and grass is growing. Need to get new "Keep off the Dunes" signs.

Memorial Fund:

Richard Schack reported that the Fund has received \$2500 in donations for last year and gifted \$10,000 to the Fire Dept for the new truck. They have \$243,000 in their fund.

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	<p>Visit cherrygrovememorialfund@gmail.com to make donations</p> <p>Garden Club: Richard Reilly reported that there will be no garden tour this year due to Covid-19. There may be a bake sale on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. They are looking for volunteers to do weeding at the Doctor’s House and Community House this year.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce: Lynn Spinnato and Todd Erickson are heading up the Chamber. They worked over the winter to create a platform to highlight the businesses. Several platforms are included such as Facebook and Twitter. Go to www.cherrygroveextended.com to find all other links</p> <p>Doctor’s House: Ed Fraser reported that signage has been added regarding Covid-19 precautions. The door is being kept locked. You must ring the bell to be seen, No exams that will require the removal of your mask. Read the signs at the door. They are losing \$525,000 this year.</p> <p>Diversity Committee: Diane reported that she was approached by Keith Goudeau to start a committee to deal with diversity in Cherry Grove. It will be called the Committee on Black Equality.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Diane reported that the following board members are up for re-election: Dave, John, Tina, and Angela. The nominating committee consists of Ray Bagnuolo, Kay Davis and Lynn Moyer. By show of hands the nominating committee was approved. They will present the slate at the next general membership meeting.</p> <p>Answers to Questions Raised: The luggage racks and benches on the docks have been delayed due to Covid-19. They are the responsibility of Sayville Ferry and will need to be operational next year. e Ferry and will</p>

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	<p>need to be operational next year. e Ferry and will need to be operational next year.</p> <p>The ferry schedule is dependent on ridership. Legally they can run at 100% capacity.</p> <p>The Doctor's House is not doing Covid-19 tests.</p> <p>The dock lights are very bright. Steve Williams will check with Brookhaven to see if they can be adjusted.</p> <p>For noise and fireworks complaints call the Marine Bureau at 631-854-8382</p>
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am Next Meeting: August 9, 2020 Format to be determined