

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
September 15, 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, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Jack Ruolo, Tina Salandra, Angela Smith, Joyce Yaeger	
Absent: Mary Ellen Manning	
Issue	Action
Review of minutes of meeting of July 21, 2019	Minutes accepted as written
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Tina reviewed the budget through September 11, 2019. Operating Fund has a balance of \$40,056 The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of \$14,296 The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$2,601. The interest bearing account balance is \$210,072 See handout for complete details. Damminnex is even with expenses.
Old Business	Diane reported that FIMI is asking for pictures before and after the sand replenishment which should take place in late November. This is to evaluate for vibration damage. The program was started in Davis Park.

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CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>Community House: Toni thanked everyone who has purchased a Star to support the replacement of the flooring in the dressing rooms. Toni will continue to sell Stars for Stars on the roof deck or in the dressing rooms.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce reported that Ad sales brought in \$14, 950. As the budget was short \$3,000 total gain for the event will be about \$12,000. Joyce thanked the people who worked so hard on the event including Jack, Richard and Dave. Applications for next year's honorees are due on January 31, 2020.</p>
Property Owner's Association Report:	<p>Dock Report: Steve Williams reported that the luggage rack (tables) and benches are pending and will be at the north end of the dock and are the responsibility of Ken Stein. Expecting installation in the spring.</p> <p>Waste Management: Tim Arnold reported that the garbage cans will be pulled in for the winter. Thanked John Diaz for his work as beach attendant. John has resigned and so someone new is needed.</p>

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Other Community Associations	<p>Fire Dept.: Steve reported that a contract has been signed to build a new fire truck at a cost of \$150,000. Daniel Nardiccio is having a fundraiser to hopefully raise \$30,000 toward the truck. Memorial Fund has committed \$10,000 toward the truck. A pre-fab building is being placed at the corner of Duryea and Bayview to house an east-end truck.</p> <p>The fire alarm pull boxes are being phased out. They are expensive to maintain costing \$62,000 and Cherry Grove is one of the last in NYS to have them. People should call 911.</p> <p>EMS: had a successful year. Season ends on October 27. Community Ambulance supports the program and Suffolk County Police take people across bay. 54 EMS calls to date this season.</p> <p><u>Cell Tower Update: Arthur reported that we are having trouble getting a second carrier to commit. Still pushing for AT&T.</u></p> <p>CGCAI Nominating Committee: The following people were selected as the nominating committee: Anita, Roland and Sue.</p> <p>4 directors were up to election/re-election: Frank Borsas, ME Manning, Richard Reilly and Jack Ruolo</p> <p>The following are placed for vote:</p> <p>Amy Schreiber: 1st 3 year term</p> <p>Ed Fraser: 1st 3 year term - Carl Luss raised a question of conflict of interest. Diane agreed to place this candidate on hold until clarification can be obtained from a legal perspective.</p> <p>Denise Samide: 1st 3 year term</p> <p>Jack Ruolo: To succeed himself</p> <p>All received a majority vote.</p> <p>In addition, Michael McPherson nominated Sue King from the floor. He said the bylaws were very clear on this point and insisted on a vote. She too received a majority vote.</p> <p>Adjourned: 11:46 am</p>
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