

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
August 16, 2020
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta
Secretary

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:01 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: None

Review of minutes of meeting of June 28, 2020	Minutes accepted as written
Opening Remarks	Diane congratulated Cherry Grove and businesses for the response to the Covid-19 epidemic. She then reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	<p>Tina reported that revenue is down YTD and that membership is down by \$5,000 from prior year. She encouraged everyone to please pay their dues. Thermacell is also slightly down. Expenses are on par with expected however they exceed revenue by \$13,000 but money was available from last year and is being used.</p> <p>Diane continued with a discussion of our annual costs and is recommending a membership dues increase. She will call for a vote in September. Currently dues are \$75 for a single and \$125 for a couple. Increase TBD.</p> <p>Diane also discussed the idea of having a CGCAI “bundled payment” that would include dues, Thermacell, rat program, etc. The amount is TBD. The Board is reaching out to “absentee” landlords who often do not participate in these programs. Davis, as chair of membership, will compare this year to last year’s property owners list and Walk Captains can speak with people on their walks.</p> <p>CGCAI will be selling ads for Honors and the names of the Honorees will be going out later today.</p>

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<p>CGCAI Committee Reports</p>	<p>Community House: Toni reported that we have had to make some repairs to the Community House due to the storm including two air conditioners. Repair costs will be about \$2,000. The flagpole that broke during a storm last year has been replaced by the vendor. Thanks to Dennis McConkey for his generous donation and to Charlie Balmer for helping to get it replaced. Toni will continue to sell Stars as there is still room for more. This money will help to support the Community House. Animal Proof garbage cans are still for sale at Goodies. All proceeds go to CGCAI. The cans are part of the Rat Reduction Program.</p> <p>New Website: Joyce reported that the new website has been delayed by Covid-19, but she is hopeful that it will be launched after Labor Day.</p> <p>Honors 2020: 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. The event will be on September 12 from 4 – 7 pm. It will be socially distanced, etc. 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. The current honorees will be announced today. The book will be larger this year and serve as a memory for everyone. The ads will be twice the size as last year. Full page, ½ and ¼ pages with pricing to come.</p>
<p>Property Owner's Association Report:</p>	<p>Tim Arnold reported that the new post office boxes are installed outside and will be handed out shortly. As per the USPS there will be one box per household going forward. Several names can be included on each box. The new exterior boxes have keys rather than combinations. There are 3 keys per box. Thanks to APCG for their donation of \$1,000 to make up the shortfall on the installation of the boxes.</p>

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Steve reported that a new beach attendant has been hired named Tatiana Castro. She has been working hard in getting the garbage off the beach as quickly as possible. She will work through September 21 and the POA will take over after that date. Hopefully, the program will start earlier next year as they have someone in mind for 2021.

Steve reported that there have been no major issues related to the dock. The dock cam is back up and working again. Anyone can find it at cherrygrovedock.com

POA is still waiting for Sayville Ferry to install the new luggage racks, benches, etc.

Trash bags are currently piling up on the dock as they are kept there until garbage pick up on Tuesdays and Fridays. POA is looking for solutions to this problem.

Diane commented that the ferry schedule will stay as is and it is based on ridership.

She also commented that people have been asking for memorial benches on the dock. There will be at least 6 benches and donations will allow people to have a plaque on a bench. Pricing will range around \$1,500 to \$2,000 per bench. Two have already been reserved.

Diane also commented that the old wagon rack on Main Walk is now a public walkway and people should not lock their wagons there. Steve Williams will check on that.

Diane commented that she is not sure if the season will be extended by all businesses. If you are concerned about your landlord extending the season, please check directly with them.

A question was raised regarding the trash corrals in the Pines. Steve stated that these corrals will not work in the Grove because we have more garbage and they are not large enough. The Pines has someone who drives a pickup truck on the beach and empties them rather than manually as we do. Each corral costs \$1100 and must be removed for the winter.

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Other Community Associations	<p>Doctor's House: Joanne reported that the Doctor's House required air conditioning repairs totaling \$6,000 and thanked Sand Castle and Cherry's for their donation. T-shirts will be on sale soon and will cost \$20.00 as a fundraiser.</p> <p>Vector and Tick Control Report: Anna Tirado reported the mosquito program has been happening as per usual every Monday morning but that many Grove residents are still not emptying their standing water which can result in the addition of many mosquitos. She reviewed several mosquito repellent products including cartridges, lanterns, and others, most of which can be bought at Amazon and seem to have good results. They cost between \$18-35. Natrupel is a good Tick and mosquito repellent as well as Repel. This year's Thermacell application was done using monies from last year. She thanked Rhonda and walk captains for their help with distribution.</p> <p>Walk Captains: Rhonda reported that all walks are currently covered with walk captains and that the one application of Thermacell has been completed. See her or your walk captain if you did not receive yours.</p> <p>Fire Dept and EMS: Steve Williams reported on behalf of Craig Williams. The new fire engine is here and has been customized for Chery Grove. It has been named for Lynn Hutton and was paid for with tax money raised in Cherry Grove by homeowners, in addition, the Memorial Fund gave \$10,000 toward the truck. There is a new sub-station on the east side so that both sides of the Grove can be serviced more quickly. EMS remains in service until October 25. Steve requested that people burn a creosote log in their fireplaces prior to using them in the fall.</p> <p>In response to a question about the rescue equipment on the beach, Steve reported that the equipment</p>

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was ruined and was thrown out but that there is money in the budget for new equipment next year.

APCG:

Panzi reported that there have been no activities in the Community House due to Covid-19 restrictions. AA, Al-Anon and CGCAI have had meetings there all summer. AA and Al-Anon have made donations to APCG.

Panzi also reported that membership is down by 1/3 but they are holding financially. They have received three new lifetime members.

APCG donated to the Rat Reduction Program.

In addition, the APCG Board made the donations themselves to pay for the installation of the outside post office boxes.

Andi Porzio has returned to the APCG Board as a Director.

Panzi reported that the APCG has received a grant from the Rainbow Connection Summer Theater/ Sheila Morgan for \$25,000. The money will be used next year and will be used to update the website with a part of the money.

Homecoming Queen Ikea has joined the Covid Destroyers giving out masks and hand sanitizer. Matt is sending out links to old shows for viewing including cabarets, old Legends shows and previews.

Archives Committee:

Troy reported the committee is hoping to have the film festival next year and a project at the NY Historical Society. They are still getting donations of items and have some money left and are continuing with digitizing.

Please visit www.cherrygrovearchivescollection.com

Dune Fund:

Don reported that they have spent \$30,000 doing fencing and "Stay off the Dunes" signs. Donations are always welcomed.

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	<p>He made a reminder to everyone to stay off the dunes and not to dump on the dunes. Thanked everyone for past support. An annual appeal to come out shortly.</p> <p>Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the Fund has received \$2500 in donations for last year and \$1500 YTD and gifted \$10,000 to the Fire Dept for the new truck. They have \$264,000 currently in their fund. New donations can be mailed, given to Evelyn at A Summer Place Realty, Richards’s house on East Walk, etc. Visit cherrygrovememorialfund@gmail.com to make donations</p> <p>Garden Club: Richard Reilly reported that the Garden Club has been relatively inactive this year. They are working with Todd on upkeep and maintenance of the gardens at the Community House and Doctor’s House and need help with weeding.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce: Todd reported that he is proud of our community for respecting that the businesses are open and doing their best. The Businesses want to extend their summer into late October. Let them know if you support staying open later. Announcements of who will stay open will be made later. Todd will be giving tours in the fall and other businesses will be doing certain things based on revenue coming in.</p>
Other Business	<p>Diane</p> <p>Announced the nominating committee of CGCAI as Ray Bagnuolo, Kay Davis and Lynn Moyer. Ray then reported that the following Board members are up for re-election as their three-year terms are expiring: Angela Dave</p>

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	<p>Tina John In addition, Jack has resigned his position.</p> <p>By a show of hands (virtual and live) all incumbent names were accepted for nomination at the next general membership committee meeting. Sue King's name was also accepted for nomination to fill Jack's vacated position.</p> <p>If anyone wants to make any additional nomination please do so in writing to the CGCAI secretary, Toni Cesta</p> <p>Diane concluded with a reminder that September 12 is Honors 2020 for the Covid-19 Heroes. If you know of anyone who has not been included, please let CGCAI know as we do not want to miss anyone.</p>
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am Next Meeting: September 27, 2020 Format to be determined