

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
Sept 18, 2016

Recorded by Toni Cesta

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:04 am

Present: John Adams, Frank Borsas, Toni Cesta, Jean Jerome, Lynn Lewis, Jen Mandelino, Maryellen Manning, David Medina, Richard Reilly, Diane Romano, Joyce Yaeger

Absent:

Issue	Action
Review of minutes of meeting of July 17, 2016	Minutes accepted as written
Announcements	Diane reported that EMS is moving to the house next to the Fire House starting next season. Diane put out a request and a challenge to community members to try to recruit younger people to get involved in the community as we need new and fresh perspectives on things.
1. Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Jean reviewed the Operating Budget through 9/18/16 Operating Fund has a balance of \$20,913.00. The Benefactor's Fund (Save our Community House) has a balance of \$24,151.00. The Landscape and Gardens balance is \$15,283.00 Liabilities total \$122,325.00 See handout for complete details.

2. CGCAI Committee Reports	<p>SOCH: Diane announced that there is an issue regarding 5 x 100 feet of property belonging to LoneHill property that may need to be returned to them with replacement of the fence and decking that were removed as per our building permit with Brookhaven. This cost, in addition to unexpected costs related to the septic system and issues with SCWA, DOH and other Brookhaven issues raised the overall costs of the project.</p> <p>Toni reported that additional work to be done includes signage and lighting in the front of the CH, landscape lighting, kitchen, wagon rack lighting, and an insulated and heated room around the fire main in the basement at a total cost of \$30,000.00.</p> <p>Fundraising: Frank announced that the Belvedere fundraiser and the Blueberry Hill fundraiser brought in about \$100,000.00.</p> <p>Honors: Joyce announced that the Honors event was a lovely evening once again honoring some of Cherry Grove's best. She requested that anyone who has not paid for their ads should do so as soon as possible. Forms for Honors 2017 are now available. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2017.</p>
2. CGCAI Committee Reports	
Property Owner's Association Report:	<p>Diane announced that the entire Board will serve for another year.</p> <p>Dock update -Doreen reported that a title search is underway to see how much bay bottom is available for enlarging the size of the dock. Bids are now out for contractors with work expected to be done the winter of 2017-18.</p> <p>FIMI - Alison reported that sand replenishment to be done the Fall of 2017 when the walks over the dunes are redone. One handicapped / ADA ramp will be installed near Doctor's Walk.</p>

Other Community Associations

APCG: Panzi reported that the most successful shows this season were shows that were put on by community members. Thanks to Jan and Edrie for years of yoga classes in the CH. They will be receiving an award at this year's Ball. Panzi reported new Board member Parker Sargeant. The Ball will be on Sept. 25 at the Island Breeze.

Doctor's Fund: Announcements held until end of meeting

Dunes Fund: Don Hester reported that beach grass will be planted on Columbus Day weekend. He requested that people don't dump cuttings on the dunes as they kill the grass. The grass roots are what hold the dunes in place.

Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment has \$252,175.00. A \$3,762 grant was given to the Archives Committee. 2017 estimated grant making will be \$9,000.00. See handout for details.

Garden Club: Richard reported that they had a busy year with the garden tour, annual bake sale and paying for the plantings in front of the CH as well as paying Todd for maintenance of the CH gardens.

Damminix: Anna reported that the applications are on-going and they may change the product next year to reduce the likelihood of resistance to the product. She gave an update on the Zika virus which does not seem to be posing a threat to Fire Island.

Walk Captains: Lorraine thanked everyone for their support while the post mistress was ill. Betty is improving every day. Please buy stamps. Post Office will close on Oct. 22.

Lorraine acknowledged the work of the walk captains throughout the season.

PAWS: Valerie announced they will no longer be trapping animals due to lack of funding. 6 kittens were trapped and returned this season.

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Other Business	<p>The nominating committee for the CGCAI board, Matt Baney, Doreen Rallo and Lynn Spinnato announced the slate for vote. The directors nominated are Frank, Maryellen and Jack Rullo. All were voted in unanimously.</p> <p>Diane reported that Verizon will erect a cell tower on the Fire House. Other carriers will be added on. The cost is \$175,000 to be paid by Verizon.</p> <p>Update on Doctor's House: Joanne reviewed a document regarding the history of the Doctor's Fund, the sale of the House and the benefits of the sale. She reported that the Doctor's Fund Board will remain as a three person Board. CGCAI also provided a handout with a full statement regarding the sale of the Doctor's House. Diane reviewed highlights of the document and distributed it at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>In summary, the price will be \$500,000 with a \$50,000 abatement for repairs. Northwell Health will make a 5 year commitment in writing. The CGCAI debt is not the driving force for the sale. There was a proposal to set aside some of the money for emergencies. Diane also reported that the sale is going through.</p> <p>FIMP - Fire Island Management Plan can be found on the website of the FI National Seashore. Oct. 19 is the deadline for comments. The Fire Island Association will be going through the document and sharing findings.</p>
Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am	Next General Membership Meeting: TBA