

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
September 27, 2020
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta
Secretary

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: None

Review of minutes of meeting of August 16, 2020	Minutes accepted as written
Opening Remarks	<p>Diane announced that the Honors program this year was successful and gave everyone a sense of community, greatly needed at this time. The businesses were honored the following day although the event was quieter.</p> <p>The Rose Levine Cabaret Show was sold out both nights. The show was wonderful, and Rose gets better every year. Diane congratulated the businesses for all their efforts this year.</p> <p>She also congratulated the group that cleaned up Holly Walk, led by Toni Cesta. She announced that a Beautification Committee would be formed and chaired by Toni.</p>
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	<p>Tina reported that that total revenue this season was \$70,000 but that this fell short of total expenses by \$22,000. Cash on hand will be used to make up the deficit.</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. She will be putting out a letter to the membership regarding taking a vote on this and will then call a one topic Zoom meeting to take a vote.</p> <p>She commented that while the work as been done to complete the Community House, additional work needs to be done annually to maintain the building in good condition.</p>
CGCAI Committee Reports	Community House:

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	<p>Toni reported that we have had to make only minor repairs to the Community House this season aside from the air conditioner repairs. conditioners.</p> <p>She reported that two more Stars have been purchased and that animal proof garbage cans are still available for sale at Goodies.</p> <p>New Website:</p> <p>Joyce reported that the new website has been delayed by Covid-19 but she is hopeful that it will be launched in May, 2021.</p> <p>Honors 2020:</p> <p>See above.</p>
<p>Property Owner's Association Report:</p>	<p>Tim Arnold reported that the new post office boxes are installed outside and 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.</p> <p>Steve reported that there is now one garbage pickup per week. Because there are more people staying out later this season dumpsters were added to the dock earlier than usual. There is a one-time install fee of \$2400 for these additional dumpsters. If the dumpsters are emptied on Tuesday when they do the weekly house to house, there will Not be an additional charge. If the dumpsters are abused (used for contractor, gardening, or bulk) and need to be emptied before Tuesday, there will be a \$1200 fee which will be passed to the abusing party...we do have a dock cam! A second house to house would cost \$6500!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Steve reported that POA is removing the garbage from the beach until the end of the season. They are looking for alternative solutions to putting the beach garbage on the dock for pick up.</p>

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	<p>Diane 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 \$1,000 to \$1,500 per bench. Four have already been reserved.</p> <p>Both benches and luggage racks will be installed by Ken Stein.</p> <p>Steve discussed the formation of an Erosion Control District. There has been a lot of negative feedback from the Fire Island communities but POA will explore this again next season. The District would dovetail with the Dune Fund if initiated.</p> <p>Steve also reported that the new fire truck has been in service since August 1 and thanked those who contributed toward the \$5,000 received toward the cost of the truck. There will be a “wet down” of the truck soon.</p> <p>Steve also mentioned there is an auxiliary station on the east end off Duryea Walk.</p> <p>EMS will be on the island through October 25.</p> <p>Steve reminded everyone that the Fire Dept is painting house numbers in front of the houses in white so they can be easily identified in an emergency.</p> <p>A question was raised about handicap ramps to the beach and that Cherry Grove is the only community without one. Steve commented that the Army Corp of Engineers decided not to have such a ramp, but Diane will check to see what would be involved in getting a ramp.</p>
<p>Other Community Associations</p>	<p>Doctor’s House: Joanne reported that T-shirts and other fundraising was successful this season. She also reported that because of Covid-19 the House had to be cleaned weekly at a cost of \$2,000/month.</p> <p>Vector and Tick Control Report:</p>

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Anna Tirado reported that due to budget cuts there will be no more spraying and there has also been a cut back on larvaecide. She reminded the group that the Vector Control program started in 2001 and Damminnex started in 2004.

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.

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, It 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.

In response to a question about the rescue equipment on the beach, Steve reported that the equipment was ruined and was thrown out but that there is money in the budget for new equipment next year.

APCG:

Eri Coyne reported that the homecoming queen Ikea offered a lot of on-line programs this season and thanked her for her service. Prior events will continue to be broadcast. APCG currently has 228 members. Eric mentioned the loss of James Patrick Hughes who was the secretary and long-time board member. A star was placed on the roof deck to honor him.

He also mentioned that Andi Porzio has returned to the board.

Archives Committee:

Funds are in place for the Film Festival next year.

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Parker reported that the Gardiner Grant will be used next year as part of the Archives project and that LIU students will be scanning for us. Parker is interviewing and filming people for the archives with a focus on people who have been in the Grove a long time so that their history will not be lost. She thanked everyone for their donations of many items from the 40s and 50s which will be on display at the New York Historical Society in the spring of 2021. It will be an outdoor exhibit and will be there for several months.

Lee Sharmat has asked that people send her their favorite photos of the last few years.

Dune Fund:

No report.

Memorial Fund:

Richard Schack thanked all the 2020 donors and specially thanked Gerri, Lynn, and John for their donation in memory of Dominick DeSantis.

He also reported that James Hughes remembered the Memorial Fund in his will.

Garden Club:

Dave reported that there were Zoom meetings in the beginning of the season, but other activities were cancelled.

Chamber of Commerce:

Todd reported Top of the Bay, Island Breeze and Grove Pizza will be open through Columbus Day

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Other Business	<p>Ray reviewed the slate on behalf of the Nominating Committee of Kay Davis and Lynn Moyer. Ray then reviewed the slate as follows: The following Board members are up for re-election as their three-year terms are expiring: Angela Dave Tina John In addition, Jack has resigned his position.</p> <p>By a show of hands (virtual and live) all incumbent names were approved. Sue King was also approved to fill Jack's vacated position.</p>
Next Meeting	Meeting adjourned at 11:16 am Next Meeting: TBD