



**CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES**  
**July 16, 2023**  
**Membership Meeting**

**Recorded by Angela Smith**  
**Secretary**

Meeting called to order by Angela Smith at 10:13 am

Present: John Adams, Kay Davis, Julien Dorcelien, Sue King, Daniel Nardiccio, Amy Rosen, Gary Sacks, Amy Schreiber, Angela Smith

Absent: Eddie Fraser, Denise Samide, Ken Wong

<b>Review of minutes of meeting of May 21, 2023</b>	Motion to approve from Carl Luss and seconded by Kay Davis - Minutes accepted as written.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Sue King gave the Treasurer's report (attached) - \$123K in revenue, \$72K in expenses. Currently have \$60K in the checking account and \$250K in the savings account. Insurance bills are expected in August and will be approximately \$40K.
<b>Membership Update</b>	Sue King reported that as of July 16th, the number of CGCAI members is 355.
<b>Community House Update</b>	Amy Schreiber gave an update on the CH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Broken window has been repaired</li> <li>● New part came in for the air conditioning and has been repaired - It is now 10+ years old and will need to be replaced for the 2024 season. We are awaiting a quote to start this process.</li> </ul>
<b>Event Update</b>	Rose Levine will be performing a fundraiser for CGCAI August 28th at the Ice Palace. Diane Romano is organizing the event and tickets will be sold as dinner at Cherry Grove Pizza and the show or just the show.
<b>CGCAI Committee Updates</b>	Each Committee chair provided an update on their committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Climate Change - Kay Davis</li> </ul>



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- Environmental Defense Fund presenter, Kay Boicourt, will be presenting at the Community House on Saturday August 5 at 11:00AM, Rise to Resilience - how Cherry Grove and The Pines can be prepared for rising sea levels.
- Beautification - Todd Erikson
  - Todd thanked everyone who purchased a walk post.
  - Walk posts are all ready to go and Brookhaven is coming to inspect and will give a hard date for the installation.
  - Walk posts are made of black locust and cut so water rolls off.
  - Question was raised as to what will happen to the old walk posts and whether we can be assured they won't disappear and if they are available can they be purchased? It was raised that maybe those that purchased a new one should have first dibs on an old one if they are going to be sold.
  - Ocean Way walk project install is being designed and this will be funded by the Memorial Fund.
- Post Office - Gary:
  - Thank you to all involved with the Post Office Centennial celebration and to all those who came to celebrate.
  - There was an issue with the light on the flagpole outside the post office which has been fixed.
  - Gary reminded the membership to buy stamps as this is the revenue generator, no revenue is received for Amazon packages.
  - Please pick up mail after 11:30 - Post Office does not receive the mail until 10:15 and then it needs to be sorted.
- Transportation – Daniel:
  - Cross Bay Zipper will resume in the fall from West Sayville on Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 9:00PM.
- Communication - Amy S/Amy R:
  - Please keep emailing pictures of board repairs needed, this is helping us to get these fixed quicker.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Craig Williams talked about Shark Flags - the National Parks Service sends notifications to CGFD after working with CGCAI over the winter to put this in place. There will be a siren followed by an announcement when the shark flags go up.</li> <li>○ Amy Schreiber read out the results of the Push Pin Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would you allow for push pins to be used on your home/gate? Yes 39 No 114</li> <li>Would you prefer flyers/postcards to be placed in your mailbox? Yes 104 No 49</li> <li>Do you currently have a mailbox? Yes 56 No 97</li> <li>If not, would you like to install a mailbox to support this etiquette guideline? Yes 59 No 47</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Nominating Committee and Vote Process</b></p>	<p>Geri Losquadro representing the Nominating Committee, announced their nominees for the 2023 election: Sue King to serve another term as Treasurer and Kay Davis to serve another term as Director. The Nominating Committee (Geri Losquadro, Michael Moran, and Fidel Patino) were thanked for their time and service.</p> <p>Angela Smith then updated the membership on the election process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If any CGCAI members want to run for either of the positions, they need to get signatures from ten (10) current CGCAI members and either mail to or hand to the CGCAI Secretary (Angela Smith) by end of day on August 1st 2023.</li> <li>● If no-one else runs then there will be a simple hand raise at the September membership meeting, should anyone else does run then there will be a voting process.</li> <li>● All information regarding the election process will be sent out by email to CGCAI members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thermacell and Mosquito Treatment Updates</b></p>	<p>Dr. Anna Tirado gave an update on Thermacell and Mosquito Treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Asking the community if we want to be sprayed for mosquitos (the Pines sprays every week) if a house is on a no spray list then spraying cannot be done within 150 feet of that house. So if 5 or 6 houses around the Grove opt for no spraying, then it cannot be completed in the Grove. Suffolk County Vector Control post the no spray list on their site.</li> <li>● Keep your property dry, empty all water containers such as the dog's water bowl, plant dishes, tarps, drill holes in garbage cans.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plants that repel mosquitoes include citronella, basil, eucalyptus, and lemon.</li> <li>● Thermacell also makes products that repel mosquitoes that run on butane.</li> <li>● Use dunks/pellets in standing and running water which you can drop into water on your own property. All of these things are biological and not chemical. You can buy these yourself and you can also drop the pellets anywhere on your property.</li> <li>● Thermacell used for ticks, is only the same product that is used to protect your own pets from ticks.</li> <li>● The next Thermacell application will be in August, please donate on the CGCAI website for this program. The Pines are buying from a different distributor.</li> <li>● There are good natural Tick and Mosquito sprays such as Natrapel and Repel insect repellent, put on clothes and then spray onto clothes.</li> </ul>
<b>POA Updates</b>	<p>Tim Arnold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Garbage collection in town has been going well.</li> </ul>
<b>Dock Updates</b>	<p>Craig Williams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Electrical Grid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Electrical grid on the dock wasn't installed correctly and there were issues with the lights going out and sparking - Genovese Electric has taken care of and all has been repaired. One flag pole doesn't have the ball on the top and rope is breaking - work order has been submitted</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Water Taxi Area now back to original side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Change in docking area for water taxi/H2O, with bigger boats the existing docking area was becoming dangerous</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Brookhaven Boaters Medallions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brookhaven is instituting a medallion program - any boater without a medallion cannot dock. Medallions will be given to CG home owners first</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Flag Poles Work Order</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brookhaven will be fixing the flag poles but as it requires someone to climb the poles it needs to wait until the weather is ok.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fire Department and EMS Update</b></p>	<p>Craig Williams - CGFD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If you change your gate/door codes please let the Fire Department know.</li> <li>● Reminded everyone to check CO2 detectors, smoke detectors etc.</li> <li>● CGFD has new suppressors for lithium ion batteries.</li> <li>● Sayville Ferry had an employee who got trapped between the ferry and the dock in the Pines, he has since been released from hospital.</li> </ul> <p>Steve Williams - EMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Paramedic 24/7 program has been running for 10 years with no cost increases. But next year will see a big cost increase, all EMS are volunteers with the exception of the Paramedics. This increase will show up on tax bills as a Fire Department line item.</li> <li>● Jill Novarro reminded everyone to clearly display house numbers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Community Associations updates</b></p>	<p><b>APCG:</b> JoAnn Orfanos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A permanent AIDS memorial is going to be placed between Cherry Grove and The Pines.</li> <li>● Congratulated Daniel at the Ice Palace and thanked for working with APCG this season</li> <li>● Upcoming shows include Jack Bartholet in 'Buyer &amp; Cellar', Matt Baney's cabaret, APCG 75th Gala, end of season dance.</li> <li>● JoAnn also noted that APCG is proud to be the umbrella organization for DEI, CG Archives, Rainbow Coalition.</li> </ul> <p><b>CG Archives:</b> Troy Files and Lee Sharmat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanks everyone again for the Post Office celebration.</li> <li>● Reminded everyone that the annual Archives show is on until 4pm today.</li> </ul>



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- Grove Hotel will be installing archives photos of Cherry Grove in all of its rooms. Next Sunday stop by the Ice Palace to see a preview of the photos being used and also see a Grove Hotel room.
- Troy mentioned the Gardner Grant that helps to fund the Archives digitization of photos.
- Question was raised as to accessing archives materials, Lee responded that they are not withholding materials it's just that not all of it is cataloged. Another question was raised as to whether they could hire someone to catalog the materials but the issue is that they may not know who people in the photos are.

#### **DEI:** Kay Davis:

- LatinX Weekend will be held August 18-20 includes Latin Feats and a salon talk.
- Trans Celebration Weekend will be held September 15-17 and will include a film night.

#### **Dune Fund:** Bobbie Green updated the membership that Judy Hester was released from hospital.

- Thanked The Art Show and Cherrys for hosting fundraisers and annual fundraising letters will be sent out.
- New snow fencing has been installed end to end in the Grove.

#### **Garden Club:**

- Approx 90 people took part in this year's Garden Tour.
- The Garden Club's annual bake sale will be held Labor Day weekend.

#### **BaBEC:** Tomik Dash provided an update on the following BaBEC events and initiatives:

- Juneteenth Update:
  - 11 successful events
  - \$22k raised in crowdfunding: Top fundraisers - \$1500 by Allison Michael Orenstein & Simone Saint Laurent
  - \$23k raised in sponsorships from Amazon.com, Stonewall Inn Gives Back Initiative, Jack'd, & The Imperial Court of NY.
  - In-kind donation of ferry tickets from the Sayville Ferry Service



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- Thank you to the Ice Palace and the Grove Hotel (Daniel Nardicio and the Ice Palace team for their tremendous support and to Ethan and Rob at the Grove Hotel, also to our coalition partner, BOFFO in the Pines.
- Thank you to Geoff Hill of Flamingo House and Jason Jacobs of Cockles & Shells for donating their houses to us. Greg Scarnici and Michael Wehman for donating a studio to us.
- Thank you to Kay Davis for organizing the DEI committee's contingency of the Solidarity March. Thank you DEI for such a beautiful turnout and congrats to them for a successful weekend of events and programming.
- Thank you to Northwell Health for coordinating with BaBEC for the MPOX vaccination pod that popped up on that weekend. I'm on the White House MPOX Response Committee. 90% of deaths have been black cis men.
- Governor Kathy Hochul sent a representative to give us Governor's Proclamations for excellence in advocating for queer BIPOC LGBTQ+ equity on Fire Island.
- One of our values is a commitment to community redistribution, so this year we are donating \$2,500 to Honcho Campout's Queer Fam Fund. Honcho Campout is a queer nature gathering in PA that prioritized the joy, inclusion, and communal care of black, Indigenous, people of color, and people of trans experience. Before I began BaBEC, they were one of the first of many groups/organizations that I spoke with because of the imaginative initiatives they have implemented to make sure that their event demographics look more like the queer community at large.
- Upcoming BaBEC Fundraisers
  - SolidariTEA Aug 5 | 4pm - 7pm on the beach at Ivy Walk, hosted by Allison Michael Orenstein, Simone St. Laurent, and Greg Scarnici
  - Stonewall Community Foundation (Pines Party) Aug 19

If you want to know more about BaBEC, ask me (on island weekends through Sept or email [tomik@babecfireisland.org](mailto:tomik@babecfireisland.org)).

BaBEC is a membership organization (30-ish members). We call our members accomplices. If you're interested in being an accomplice to racial and transgender equity in Cherry Grove and/or making a donation, please visit our



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	<p>website, <a href="http://babecfireisland.org">babecfireisland.org</a>, or text ACCOMPLICE to 41444. Membership is \$50. We also let you sponsor memberships for people who find our membership dues inaccessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fag Rag Fire Island<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Tomik is the Editor-In-Chief of Fag Rag Fire Island (fine-art print magazine, delivered door-to-door).</li><li>○ More issues coming out this summer</li><li>○ Need more Cherry Grove content, esp women-centric!</li><li>○ Looking for submissions (Writers, photographers, artists, creatives)</li><li>○ <a href="mailto:info@fagramag.com">info@fagramag.com</a></li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM - motion to adjourn from Bobbie Green and seconded by Troy Files.</b> <b>Next Meeting: September 17, 2023 at 10:00AM in the Community House</b>