

CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
July 18, 2021
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Toni Cesta
Secretary

Meeting called to order by Diane Romano at 10:00 am

Present: John Adams, Toni Cesta, Ed Fraser, Sue King, David Medina, Diane Romano, Denise Samide, Amy Schreiber, Angela Smith, Joyce Yaeger

Absent: Tina Salandra

Review of minutes of meeting of May 23, 2021	Minutes accepted as written
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Ed Fraser reported that as of July 15, 2021, income from membership dues totals \$19,135.00 Rat control donations is down. See report for full details. Diane commented that the \$200,000 from the sale of the Doctor's House is still in the bank and has not been spent.
Announcements	Diane Romano reported that she continues to work with the Fire Island Association. The Association is looking at projects relevant to the whole of Fire Island. The FIMP program is looking at bay erosion issues, among others. Diane shared that one of the memorial benches blew into the bay as they had not yet been secured to the dock. A new bench and plaque will be purchased. Diane reported that FIOS continues to install in Cherry Grove. Diane reported a technical error in the bylaws since they were updated July 15, 2021. Under Article X – Nominations

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	<p>#2 At the July meeting of the Association, the Nominating Committee shall present to the members a slate of one or more candidates for Directors. In even numbered years, the Committee shall also present a slate for one or more candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Diane called for a vote to remove this paragraph. The membership voted in support of the removal of the paragraph.</p>
Post Office	<p>Betty Faraci, post office mistress, submitted a written report to Diane in advance of the meeting. The report is as follows: All Box Holders must check their box for the no-fee post office box renewal notice/annual verification. The notice goes in your box the first of the month. Current address information needed. At the time of the renewal applicants must present two current items of valid identification. One item must contain a photograph of the applicant. Photo ID Options include: 1. Valid driver's license – or state non-driver ID 2. Passport Non-Photo ID Options 1. Current lease, mortgage, tax bill 2. Voter or vehicle registration card 3. Home or vehicle insurance policy You can use a P.O. box number as an address. All property owners who rent out apartments must use a lease form and use unit 1,2,3,4,5 after the walk address. Any other questions see Betty at the post office.</p> <p>Diane commented that there are still issues with Sayville Post Office wanting to close the Cherry Grove Post Office. Diane will convene a group to go to speak to the people there.</p>

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<p>CGCAI Committee Reports</p>	<p>New Website: No new information. The website address is cherrygrovefi.us</p> <p>Honors 2021: Honors will be on September 18, 2021, and will honor Cherry Grove's past. More to follow.</p> <p>Membership: There are currently 240 members of CGCAI.</p> <p>Beautification Committee, Community House, etc.: Air conditioning compressor replaced. Urinal in men's room repaired. Beautification Committee will continue to work on cleaning up the volleyball court area. Meet at Volleyball court on July 25 and August 1 at 9:30 am.</p>
<p>Property Owner's Association Report:</p>	<p>Steve Williams reported that Brookhaven may be moving the luggage rack on the dock to make it more accessible to incoming ferries. There is a new dock office with the schedules displayed right off the dock. The flags on the dock will be alternated between progressive pride and traditional pride flags. The dock camera will be on the fire house and connected to TPP wireless. Steve requested that people pick up freight deliveries timely so that the dock does not get overcrowded.</p> <p>Tim Arnold reported that the new containers for beach trash are now in place. Robinson, the beach attendant is doing a great job. He is using a cart to move garbage. The storage areas for garbage should be done next week. Areas for storage will include near the fire siren and volley ball court.</p> <p>Diane commented that there are issues between the Ice Palace and Tony's Barge. As per contracts between business and Tony's Barge, each business gets 10 bags picked up twice per week, but the Ice Palace has not paid their bills, so Tony's is no longer picking up their garbage. They have been holding it</p>

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	<p>and sending it off on their own. Diane is in communication with the Ice Palace to try to resolve this use as the garbage attracts rats.</p>
<p>Other Community Associations</p>	<p>APCG: Thom Hansen – Panzi, reported that last year was a challenging year due to Covid. The first show of this season with Rose Levine, was a sell-out success. The next show will be Jamie Brickhouse. There will be an end-of-year ball this year on September 28. The theme will be the Roaring 20s. The Koitz exhibit is underway this weekend. All proceeds are being donated by the artist to APCG.</p> <p>Panzi reported also that the APCG took a financial hit last year but were able to pay their rent to CGCAI. This year there is an angel donor in the amount of \$20,00.00 but it is a matching donation so please make any donations that you can so that APCG can match the \$20,000.00. The APCG annual meeting will be on July 31, 2021.</p> <p>Troy Files reported that the Archives Committee is presenting next week at the Community House hosted by Lee Sharmat. It's called "The Best of the 80's"</p> <p>Troy also commented that the Safe Haven exhibit at the New York Historical Society has been a big success and has generated a lot of positive publicity for the Grove.</p> <p>Gay Nathan spoke to the membership regarding her show on August 18. There are two other events that day and she hopes that people will make an effort to see her show. She remarked that the topic is timely and includes gender and other issues.</p> <p>Doctor's House: Lisa from Northwell Health reported that on Friday, August 13 from 1-3 pm there will be free skin cancer screenings at the Doctor's House. On August 15 there will be a fundraiser. The Doctor's House has an angel donor in the amount of \$25,000.00</p>

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On Mondays and Thursdays between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm HIV testing is available and in Ocean Beach on August 12.

Vector and Tick Control Report: No report

Walk Captains:

Rhonda Wade thanked everyone for painting the white lines.

Dune Fund: John Adams reported that the dune fencing was completed last month. Annual appeal letters for donations will go out on August 15, 2021.

Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment fund has a current balance of \$370,000. YTD, they have given \$6,000 to APCG, \$3000 to Archives and \$3,000 to CGCAI.

Garden Club:

Peter Chace reported that the garden tours were a success this year with 90 attendees and 20 gardens displayed. Money generated will be used to maintain the Community House gardens.

The annual bake sale will be in September.

PAWS:

Diane mentioned that the pet blessings were last week.

Fire Dept and EMS:

Laura Ann Guisto, the new Fire Department Chief, reminded everyone that every house should have CO2 and smoke detectors.

Hose testing will take place on July 29. If you see safety cones on the walk and a drill is taking place, take a different route.

On August 1 there will be an open house at the Fire House. T-shirts will be for sale.

EMS is staffed through the last Sunday of October.

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Other Business	<p>Diane reported that the following positions will be vacated at the end of the season, president, vice president, and secretary as well as 4 director position.</p> <p>The nominating committee is Gerri Losquadro, Alison Amron, and Walter Kowalsky.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee reported their slate as follows: President: Amy Schreiber Vice President: Eddie Fraser Secretary: Angela Smith Treasurer: Sue King Directors: Kay Davis, Amy Beth Rosen, Julian Dorcelian-Eberhardt, Ken Wong.</p> <p>Any additional people who want to run must submit a petition in writing with at least 10 signatures of CGCAi members and submit it to Diane Romano by July 31 at 12 midnight. If there is more than one person for any position, then paper ballots will be used. Proxy votes must be mailed, signed and dated. Address: CGCAI c/o Diane Romano P.O. Box 4087 or hand to Diane.</p> <p>On August 15, 2021, there will be a gathering in the Community House to “meet the candidates”.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:24pm Next Meeting: September 19, 2021 at 10 am in Community House</p>

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