

Fish House Community Center
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The following members were present: Joanne Blaauboer, Cindy Clemens, Angel Donato, Patty Ferguson, Tracie Kuchark Owens, Audrey Moore, Kathy Reese, Clark Riechel, Susan Walter, Mary Jane & Don Wilson and Elaine Hitchcock, our presiding president.

Secretary Minutes: November-2013 minutes, prepared by Kathy Reese, were reviewed. Tracie moved to approve them, Mary Jane seconded the motion. Minutes were approved. (Minutes can be accessed on the FHCC website,,,password is sacandaga)

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Kuchark Owens reported the following totals, an email of the treasury report will be sent.

General Account: \$1117.30 Donations: \$3195.50 Savings Account: \$2092.05

The following had not been deducted yet: \$200 to Jim Moore for last year's bottle drive work. \$574.67 for shirts purchased by Cindy Clemens. Audrey brought in \$120 for bottles already donated this year. Tracie needs to get petty cash for the upcoming May breakfast. Don Wilson moved to approve the treasurer's report, Joanne seconded it.

Old Business:

*** Center Clean Up**

- Tracie will redo small road sign listing Breakfast dates
- Large sign is crooked, perhaps due to harsh winter
- Bottle Recycling area is becoming unsightly. Discussion about a shed for the bottles. Another alternative was brought up, a privacy fence, to hide the bottles. Bryon will look into the cost and compare plastic vs wood options
- Clark reported that the insurance adjuster was concerned that there was no secondary exit to the center, also that there was no hand rail down to the cellar. Also he noted that the kitchen did not have the expensive fire extinguisher system in the vent hood, but since we only have 4 or 5 events with food preparation, he would over look that.
- Susan will contact Dennis Roberts, to see if he is able to do the door project. (He had shoulder surgery this winter). If he can't, we need to look into another option, perhaps his brother.

*** May 25th Breakfast-** chairpeople are Bryan Dufel and Angel Donato

- After meeting, members will stay to get Center ready for breakfast
- Cindy will pick up the food from Pagel's
- Discussion about donations from Stewarts, only one donation per year, we will use that one time in August
- Another refrigerator is needed. Audrey knows of a place (AAA) that sells used refrigerators. A \$200 limit was set.
- Commercial refrigerator runs continuously - Susan contacted the repair person, he said he will contact her.

*** Ads for Upcoming Events**

- Tracie has put ads into local publications, like Edinburg newsletter. Next year, she will try to get ad in Sacandaga Guide. Carla Kolbe no longer is our contact with Sacandaga Express, Charleen Murray is now the contact.
- Flyers - discussion as to whether we needed one or two for the summer and whether the flyer should be two sided. It was decided one flyer for the summer and one for the Christmas gathering (it would include the 2015 event dates)
- Susan will prepare the flyer and the handouts for the breakfast. Joanne will do the Echoes for the breakfast, it will also include the 2014 event dates.
- Flyers will be ready by Wednesday, discussion followed as to who could deliver and where. Flyers should not be put into the mailboxes, they should be placed between the mailbox and the flag. Flyers will be distributed Friday.
- Patty will bring some flyers to Church.

*** Website and Email Blasts**

- The website: FHCC.weebly.com has the summer events listed. The attempt last year to get people to give us their email addresses for email blasts was not successful, so no email blasts planned.

*** Little Free Library**

- It is up and running. Joanne does the LFL.

*** Shirt Order**

- Cindy ordered blue T Shirts for sale this summer. She also ordered gray shirts for the FHCC volunteers. (after the meeting it was realized that the logo was wrong on the gray shirts, so they will be sold. A new color shirt will be ordered for the volunteers.) It was decided to also put an order in for Navy hoodie sweatshirts. Kathy Reese suggested we consider fleece jackets. Cindy will look into a possible special order.

*** Rummage Sale-** July 11 & 12 - chairperson is Joanne Blaauboer

- Tables will be set for the rummage sale after the May breakfast
- No upholstered furniture or TV's will be accepted (if possible)
- Signs will be placed on tables so volunteers will know where to put donations

*** Summer Classes**

- discussion of summer classes will be deferred until later. If summer classes are offered, Jesse has volunteered to teach gardening classes

New Business:

*** Giles Garden-** volunteers are needed to remove crab grass from the garden that FHCC put in last year. Possibly on a Saturday afternoon, Susan will email the information

*** November oil use-**

- discussion of this was postponed until David Floyd is here. Possibility of draining in September and reopening the Center for the December party?

*** Hall use/Master Calendar-** Audrey Moore is in charge

- Audrey will keep track of any borrowing of tables, chairs etc. and renting of the Center
- Clark needs to borrow tables for the June 7th church event

*** Grave site project for Sady Nagy**

- Sady, a long time resident, was involved in the FHCC. She passed this year and is buried in Broadalbin. Discussion on how to honor her led to the decision of donating \$100 to the Church memorial fund.

*** Other Donations**

- Dennis Roberts, Bob Clemens and Rob Reese have had health issues this year. Mary Jane moved to give them \$50 gift certificates, Joanne seconded the motion.

*** Aggie Buell is retiring from volunteering**

- It was decided that we would honor Aggie with a party. The discussion for this party was deferred until the next meeting.

Tracie moved to adjourn the meeting, Don seconded it.

The next meeting will be held on June 10th, 7 PM at the Center.