

Fish House Community Center Minutes

September 9, 2014 7 PM

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

Secretary Minutes: Minutes were passed out and reviewed. Tracie moved to accept them, Clark seconded it. Minutes from August 11, 2014, were approved.

Treasurer Report: Tracie stated the totals for our accounts:

General Acct: \$2436.50 Donations: \$3996.69 Savings Acct: \$1913.78

The Labor Day breakfast was the biggest of the summer, with 191 people attending.

The expenditures: Driscoll's \$667.45 BJ's: \$54.48 Profit: \$912.07

Joanne moved to accept the report. Mary Jane seconded it. Report was approved.

Old Business:

* Exit Sign- The exit sign over the new back door is now in place and receipt sent to treasurer.

* Another refrigerator- Discussion about buying another refrigerator, decision was no.

* Bottle Area- Three white plastic fence panels were purchased. David set them up. There is a sign to let people know where to put the bottles. The fence sections have yet to be anchored, if at all, that job/decision was left up to the maintenance man, David.

* Ads for Events- Tracie put ads in local publications for our 2014 events. Next year she will get one into the Sacandaga Guide. She will also continue to press for more coverage in the Sacandaga Express.

* FHCC website- Joanne contacted Northampton and our link is now on their website.

* SVAN - Elaine talked to Arlene of SVAN. There is possible interest in using the Community Center as a site for having SVAN classes next summer. The more the building is used, the better. Mary Jane made a motion to allow SVAN classes, Susan seconded it. Motion approved.

* Boat Class- no new information, so this issue was tabled.

* Hall Use Agreement- The paperwork was given to Audrey. We now have an official form.

* Crushed Stone Dean brought three loads and also raked it. He was happy to receive two Fish House sweatshirts for payment. A Thank You card is needed for him.

* By Laws- The 2012 March draft was read over, one adjustment was made, using the word "ideally" in the sentence about number of FHCC members. Also it was decided that only participating volunteers can vote on issues. Susan will take By Laws back to the Church. Angel moved to accept the improved By Laws, Mary Jane seconded it. They were approved.

* Phone Numbers & Emails- A list was sent around the table again. The list will be typed up by Joanne and sent out using BBC email.

* Breakfast- Labor Day is the biggest breakfast. We need to have more help at that one.

* Paint Estimates, etc.- Audrey's person declined the job due to size. David contacted Sniezyk's but had not heard back from them. So out of three possibles, Wade's was chosen. It was decided that a Project Manager was needed for the paint job and the repair. This Manager would coordinate the quotes and the job. There was some concern about Wade obtaining liability insurance. Don Wilson volunteered to be Project Manager. The back side of the Center needs to be done first. Then, weather permitting, the other two sides. (The front needs repair first) Repairs will be tabled until next year, unless an estimate and carpenter can be arranged.

Wade's estimate was \$3200 in labor costs, not including supplies. That includes power washing, priming, two coats, and glazing of windows. Bell tower not included. Mary Jane moved to authorize Wade to do the job, Cindy seconded it. Motion was passed.

New Business:

* Mission Statement- Is a mission statement needed? Elaine suggested that it not be too wordy or too narrow. Tracie, Janet and Joanne volunteered to work on the statement.

* Faucet- The old faucet needs replacing. Audrey volunteered to find a new one.

Joanne moved to have faucet replaced, Tracie seconded it. Motion passed.

* Frying pans - Mary Jane stated that new pans were needed. Tracie moved to have three purchased, Clark seconded it. Motion passed.

- * Sunshine Person- We need a person to write Thank You notes and keep track of who is in need in the community. Patty volunteered. Thank you's to go to Dean and Karim. Joanne will order more Thank You cards from Shutterfly.
- * Audit- A committee for the audit was decided: Angel, Cindy, Mary Jane and Tracie. The committee will make its report in November. Audrey has guidelines she will send them.
- * November Oil Use- To prevent excessive oil use during cold weather, it was decided to drain the water earlier than in past years. So water is to be drained asap. Our October meeting will be at someone's house. At the next Church meeting, we will ask if we can have our Christmas party in the Church.
- * Christmas Party - to be held December 6th.
- * Bottle Report - Tracie will contact Jim about the total money raised this summer. Bottle drive to end September 30th.
- * Ryan Douglas Benefit - Discussion as to amount to donate to Ryan Douglas who is suffering from Hodgkins Disease. Angel moved to donate \$250. Cindy seconded it. Motion passed.
- * Executive Session- Discussion as to whether we can hold executive sessions. This discussion was tabled until further knowledge of Robert's Rules. Janet will find out more about this topic.

Tracie moved for the meeting to be adjourned. Don seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42

Next meeting to be held on October 14th, at Joanne's house at 6 PM. Bring food.