

Fish House Community Center Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 7 PM

The following members were present: Joanne Blaabuober, Cindy Clemens, Angel Donato, Patty Ferguson, Sara & Ross Ferri, Megan & David Floyd, Susan Lindner, Jim Moore, Jesse Walter, Susan Walter, Mary Jane & Don Wilson. and Elaine Hitchcock, our presiding president.

Secretary Minutes: Copies of the May 2014 minutes were distributed by secretary, Joanne, and reviewed. Mary Jane moved to approve them, Don seconded it. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Kuchark Owens was not able to be at the meeting, so Susan W. reported the account totals.

General Account: \$1669.05 Donations Account: \$3315.50 Savings Account: \$785.25 TOTAL: \$5769.80

The profit of the May breakfast was \$788.10. There was a question as to what the profits of the two previous May breakfasts. After the meeting, Joanne reported: May 2012: \$525 May 2013: \$790. Angel moved to accept the report, Joanne seconded it. Report was approved.

Old Business:

* Giles Garden- Jesse reported that the Giles Garden that was designed by Jesse (Beyond Your Garden) and financially back by the FHCC has been inundated with crab grass and needs serious weeding. Also a few plants did not survive the winter. Jesse would donate the replacement plants and the mulch. Volunteers are needed. Susan L. and Susan W. volunteered to organize the Giles cleanup. Patty, Mary Jane and Joanne volunteered to help. Discussion followed as to making the public aware of the historical garden - designed by Jesse Walter of Beyond Your Garden. Joanne stated that it would be good to put it on the FHCC website. Once the garden is done, Joanne will contact the Sacandaga Express.

* Bottle Drive and Area- Jim brought in \$178 from the bottle drive. Bryon is still working on the plans for the bottle return area. For a three sided area, made with plastic fence, the ballpark figure is \$400-450. The plastic fence panels would be 6 feet tall and 6 feet long. The three sided area would open to the right. David moved to keep the expense under \$700, Patty seconded it. Area expense was approved.

* Gift Cards- During the last meeting, it was decided to issue three gift cards of \$50 each to three Fish House residents who had health challenges. There was confusion as to who would get the cards and deliver them. Susan said she would take care of it.

* Sady Nagy Memorial- The FHCC donated \$100 to the Church's Memorial fund. We received thank you cards from Sady's daughter, Carol Bouck, and the Church.

* May Breakfast- Angel reported that the breakfast went well, there were lots of volunteers. One improvement could be the order of the coffee pots, so coffee can be replenished quickly. It was decided that the small coffee pot should be used first, then the large one. That way, if we run out of coffee, the small one would be available for a quick replenishment. The sausage, from Pagels, was not what we ordered. It tasted good, but it was not precooked, which made more work for the grillers in the kitchen. Angel will look into Cisco, instead of Pagels, to compare prices. Someone at the breakfast mentioned the use of sanitary gloves for the servers. It was decided that gloves will be used as well as wiping the counter down frequently during the breakfast. It was also discussed that we will always welcome any and all who want to volunteer.

* Emergency Door- Susan contacted Dennis and he said that, even with his shoulder, he will try to get the door done before the July breakfast. Discussion followed on perhaps having Dennis put up plastic around the work area to keep the rummage items clean. Mary Jane stated that when Dennis did the Church addition, he was very neat. It was agreed to make Dennis aware of our concerns.

* Hand Rail on Cellar Stairs- The insurance man said we needed to have a hand rail. It was discussed that a 2x4 could qualify as a handrail. David will put in the handrail.

* Commercial Refrigerator- Susan contacted CoolCare, he will come to center this week or next. He will plug it in the first day, return the next to determine the problem. FHCC will pay the bill.

* Another Refrigerator- Audrey had researched a second hand refrigerator at AAA. They sell for \$225. We are waiting to see if the manager will reduce the price to \$200. It was decided to hold off purchasing the refrigerator until after the rummage sale but before the July breakfast.

* Shirt Order- Cindy had the new work shirts in, yellow with collars, and embroidered logo. Members chose their shirts after the meeting. New sweatshirts are in- zippered hoodies in dark blue. The raffling of the old sweatshirts at the May breakfast was very successful, almost paying off the first shirt order. Sara asked that we order more gray scoop necked shirts. It was discussed that they should be sold at \$15 instead of \$10. Mary Jane asked about looking into ordering long sleeve denim shirts. Sara asked about possibly having hats with the logo. Cindy will look into both. It is quite cramped in the front hall during a breakfast with collecting money and selling shirts. Perhaps next breakfast, we can put an EZ UP outside for the shirts. Angel and Sara have EZ UPS.

* Rummage Sale- Joanne B. is chairing this. Donations have been coming in. In order to minimize stealing, donated furniture will be kept inside as late as possible. People commented on bigger pricing signs last year. We plan to make larger signs and if not, there will be more of them. David suggested a small sandwich sign out in driveway reminding people that no TV's, mattresses, or upholstered furniture

will be accepted. Joanne will email people when it is time to put up the tents. Price tags and supplies will be kept on the kitchen counter for volunteers. Items not listed on the pricing signs is important and if done before the "night before", always appreciated. The July 8th FHCC meeting will be a working meeting and also last minute details will be discussed. Susan has the two side tents. Joanne expressed concern over the condition of the large tent tarp.

* Summer Classes- Elaine led the discussion on these. It is too late for any offering this year. Discussion followed as to whether we were interested in offering classes. Perhaps an event instead of a class. The consensus seemed to be that volunteers did a lot already. Perhaps if someone wanted to use the center, we would be interested in this. David brought up the fact that boat classes are in high demand. He knows some instructors and will contact them to see if they are interested in using the center. Elaine will contact SVAN to see if they would like to use the center next summer. Audrey is in charge of the center use and the borrowing of tables. It was decided that a calendar needs to be posted in the center. It was decided that a donation of \$75 be established for center use.

New Business:

* Account Signatures- Cindy, Tracie, Elaine and Tracie are check signers. Discussion followed as to accountability. Susan (as an accountant) suggested that an annual audit was good business practice. Elaine reinforced this idea due to her past experience. The audit would be done by the treasurer and a committee of four people to be determined at the September FHCC meeting. The audit report to be presented at the October meeting. David moved to accept an annual audit, Don seconded it. The annual audit was approved.

* Building Improvements- A priority list of improvements is needed. Joanne will look in past minutes to see what was determined.

* Lawn Maintenance- An email discussion, before this meeting, was started based on the request by David, to pay Liam for maintaining our lawn. Discussion followed. David had suggested \$15 per cut. After the Floyd's left, this matter was discussed more. It was brought up that enabling a local teenager to earn summer money was a good thing for the center to do. It was decided that \$15 was too little. Joanne moved that \$25 be offered, Mary Jane seconded it. It was approved to pay Liam \$25 per cut, to be paid retroactively for cuttings already done this year.

* Tree Removal- Jim discussed the rotting maple tree behind the center. Four Seasons Tree Service offered the following options: \$1250 for both parts of the tree to be taken down and taken away. \$750 for the whole tree taken down but left. \$750 for the tree half hanging over the center to be taken down and taken away. \$500 for that half to be taken down and left. David thought that the branches would be a big problem to deal with. Patty said she would ask Roger if he was interested in doing the job. Jim would be chair of this committee. All agreed that the tree needed to be dealt with as soon as possible and before the three part fence for the bottles was put up. Email discussion will follow up on this matter so we don't wait until the July 8th meeting.

* Painting Exterior- Painting the center will be tabled until priority list is found. Susan has a painter for the job.

* November Oil Use- Tracie sent in numbers regarding oil use. In October 2013 , 200.4 gallons of oil was delivered at the cost of \$719. In November 2013, 154.4 gallons was delivered at a cost of \$546.40. The center was not in use during this time. David is willing to drain the water after the September meeting (with Bryon's help) and then start it up again for the December Christmas party. Joanne moved that the water be drained in September. Angel seconded it. It was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

The next meeting is July 8th at 7PM. It will be a working meeting to prepare for the rummage sale.