

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 7, 2018 7pm United Church Of Christ

The meeting was called to order by Tim Scott at 7:10pm

ATTENDEES: Gerry Foil, Sandy Fleming, Larry and Kathy Boyer, Stacey Schloop, Debbie Countryman, Rachel Thomases, Judy McVity, Mike and Sheree Banks, Mary Eidt, Chris Cox and Tim Scott

NOVEMBER MINUTES-Edited minutes have been posted on the Association's website but were not available to members in print because the secretary resigned and the president did not think to print them. They will have to be approved at the February meeting.

THINGS TO CELEBRATE-Attendees were briefed on four successful BCA holiday events that took place: the Cookie Drive, the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Santa Visits, and the Holiday Decorating contest. (Full details attached)

Suggestions were made for next Tree lighting

- Check for conflicts with both churches and other local events
- Give Pastor Mark from UCC the opportunity to do the tree blessing next year
- Publish what's happening at what time for people who may be short on time but interested in a particular segment (suggested but not unanimous)
- Cut total length of event to 1.5-2 hours
- Do on a Saturday so it's not on a "school night" for families

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Marge Sebastian has resigned as secretary - \$60 has been approved to express our appreciation for her approx. 10 years of service. Tim and Judy are in charge. Details are top secret ;)
- Kathy and Larry Boyer were present - Kathy is exploring taking on the office of treasurer.
- Needed volunteers - Area Rep for Area L (Meadow River / River Park Drives), Secretary, Volunteer Coordinator
- Rachel will take on Board Meeting time/day survey project in consultation with Kristine.

TREASURER'S REPORT- full report available upon request. Highlights are the the scholarship fund is up to \$970, we spent a net total of approximately \$200 on the Christmas tree lighting, some receipts are still outstanding. We have approx \$15K in the money market account and approx. \$1,000 in checking.

TOWN AFFAIRS - One new town board member and three new other members for other board were installed.

SCHOOL AFFAIRS - Report attached.

FUNDING REQUESTS (full details further down in minutes)

- o \$400 for Social event for volunteers, area reps and new residents APPROVED
- o \$60 for Family Movie Night with UCC APPROVED
- o \$50 for prizes Winter photo contest (in lieu of Snow Sculpture contest)
- o \$150 for Easter Egg Hunt with Hanna Howard Realtors APPROVED
- o \$60 to express appreciation for Marge Sebastian's 10 years of service
- o ~~\$100 to promote annual meeting through food door prizes etc.~~ TABLED

\$660 TOTAL expenditures approved (some included in previous budget)

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL FOR RESTRUCTURING OF BOARD

Tim Scott appealed for the creation of a more consistent governing entity composed of specific individuals who have committed to regularly attending meetings, remaining informed on BCA matters, and being available to make time-sensitive decisions over email. He hopes for more authoritative decisions owned by devoted association members. He also wants to give quieter people a stronger voice and have a stronger structure for deciding by majority vote and reduce the prolonged discussions, impasses and strong emotions that can result from consensus based decision making.

OUTCOME: It was pointed out that attendance was quite low to be making any major decisions. Tim agreed to publicize that this would be discussed at the February meeting and table it until then.

UPCOMING EVENTS (See attached for full listing) **Please transfer planning meetings to your calendar.** (These are open to anyone interested in being more involved with day-to-day operations)

- 2/17, 3/10 Family Movie Nights in collaboration with UCC- Kathy Boyer and Tim Scott in charge
- 3/3? 3-5pm Social event for volunteers, area reps and new residents. (planning notes on Google Drive) Rachel Thomases is charge, Judy McVity, Chris Cox and Tim Scott will help out.
- 3/10 Winter photo contest - Tim Scott coordinating - suggestion made to limit to local pictures from Bayberry, have age categories and make pretty open ended to allow pictures of snow sculptures. APPROVED Tim Scott and Chris Cox in charge
- 3/31 Easter Egg Hunt with Howard Hanna
- 4/12 Home Improvement Fair - Rachel Thomases coordinating, Rich Clinch helping, Jan newsletter call for committee members and merchants/participants, web by 1/15, Meet by 1/19, Budget request by Feb Board Meeting.
- 4/15 Scholarship - Elizabeth Geoghegan coordinating? Tim Scott has emailed her to set up a meeting to discuss the process.
- 4/21 Earth Day - Bob Stella coordinating, Tim Scott has emailed Cub Scout Pack 209 to see if they will volunteering again this year.
- 5/6 Annual Membership Meeting
- 5/19 Spring Garage Sale
- 6/2? Spring planting -
- ? Car Seat Safety Check? - Vito Angerson coordinating? It was considered whether we should do this on garage sale day but it was decided that would be too chaotic.
- 8/1? (Wednesday evening) Picnic - Who will coordinate?

NEW BUSINESS In light of increased collaboration between the BCA and Irongate Community Association the question was asked whether Irongate was insured. The president and 2nd VP stated that it was not. It was brought to the president and board's attention that collaboration with a non-insured entity at an event where the public is present exposes the BCA to significant risk for liability should an accident occur. This has been duly noted by the president and no further such events will be planned with Irongate until this issue has been resolved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made and passed

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 2/11/18 7PM UCC

