



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP  
(EVCG)

Monthly Meeting Minutes, April 6, 2021  
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Marcia Hammond, Elizabeth Lord, Mark Kelley, Jane Terry, Sarah Jolivette, Pat French

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Betsy Race at 5:35 PM.
2. Introductions - none
3. Changes to the Agenda: - none
4. Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Mark Kelley, seconded by Marcia Hammond. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the March Treasurer's report (with a correction to the date in the 1<sup>st</sup> column) made by Marcia Hammond, seconded by Josie Carothers. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Updates

a. Events Committee: Marcia reported that porch quilt project is proceeding very well, thanks in large part to the organizing and direction of Allison. The scavenger hunt is scheduled for the entire month of July (1-31<sup>st</sup>). There will be a celebration party in August to award prizes and give away porch quilts. Marica made a porch quilt that is now hanging at the Middle Branch Market. She will also design some posters to advertise the event.

Bingo: EVCG is planning on holding outdoor Bingo events this summer at the East Randolph Hall. Betsy has heard from many people in the area who are keen on attending Bingo. She said there is a lot of enthusiasm for such an event. She is looking into the logistics of putting up a tent between the hall and the fire station.

EVCG garden: planning for the garden and vegetable table will be discussed in more detail at the next Events Committee meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

b. Public Relations Committee: the committee is working on publicizing the porch quilt event and scavenger hunt. Marcia is working on preparing the next quarterly EVCG newsletter and will solicit ideas for content from the group.

c. Capital Campaign & Grants Committee: Betsy reported that the committee is continuing to work on a brochure about the hall to show potential donors. The committee is also working with the fundraising consultant on using a software program that helps to identify a potential list of donors. The use of the software program requires a fee to run data searches. This raised a question of how to pay the cost. Allison (speaking as the Treasurer) said that an anonymous donation of \$200, made in September 2020, specifically allocated funds for expenses related to the capital campaign.

A motion to use the money from the \$200 donation to run the donor search was made by Mark Kelley and seconded by John Pimental. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign: No update

b. Clock update: No update

c. Bid package update: Mark reported that the Town received only one bid for \$30,000 (still over budget) for an architect's assessment of the hall. Mark and John are exploring other options on how to fund the assessment. They will attend the Selectboard meeting on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to listen to the Board's discussion and get more information.

## 8. New Business

Attendance at Selectboard meetings: There was discussion on the importance of EVCG maintaining regular communications with Town officials and promoting public relations about EVCG activities. The EVCG group would like to provide updates to the Selectboard during the Public Comment portion of the Selectboard agenda. A rotating schedule of EVCG presenters will be developed for the next six months.

Meet Town Manager: Ideas were discussed on how to introduce EVCG and its members to the new Town Manager, Trevor Lashua. Pat French suggested that people could stop by the Town Manager's office and we can introduce ourselves. Other ideas include inviting Trevor to an EVCG meeting (maybe hold a meeting outside at the Middle Branch Market); giving a tour of the East Randolph Hall; and perhaps coordinate an event with the East Randolph Fire Department. Betsy will contact the East Randolph Fire Chief to coordinate on this.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM on a motion by John Pimental, and seconded by Josie Carothers.