



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)

Monthly Meeting Minutes, June 1, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Marcia Hammond, Elizabeth Lord, Joan Feierabend, Mark Kelley, Christine Settles

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Betsy Race at 5:38 PM.
2. Introductions
3. Changes to the Agenda:
4. Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve the May 4th meeting minutes was made by Josie Carothers and seconded by Allison Belisle. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the May Treasurer's report made by Marcia Hammond and seconded by Josie Carothers. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Updates

- a. Events Committee

Porch Quilts Scavenger Hunt: Allison reported that thirty-nine 39 porch quilts have been completed, and twenty more porch quilts will be done by students. There will be approximately forty scavenger hunt sites. Hunt results can be returned by email. There will be different categories of prizes.

A motion was made by Allison to request that EVCG will cover up to \$300 for the cost to put on live music at the August 14th Wrap-Up party. The motion was seconded by Marcia Hammond. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bingo: Betsy and Jane have been working on the details and logistics of a weekly Bingo event. They are hoping to start at the end of June and hold the event for ten weeks. Betsy spoke with Trevor Lashua and Trini Brassard about holding the event and whether EVCG could use the hall. Betsy will meet with the Fire Marshal and Trevor on Friday to see what needs to be done to make the premises useable.

Garden on the Mound: Joan reported that squash, potatoes and corn have already been planted on the mound, however some planting remains to be finished. Joan would like to have a work party for a few hours. She will send out an email to ask for volunteers. Joan also wanted to mention that Barbara from Rt 66 Farmstand gave some plants to EVCG too.

Art on the Farm: The event will be on July 17th at the Sprague Ranch in Brookfield. EVCG will have a booth that will display porch quilts and barn quilts, and will hold a silent auction. Josie, Bobbie and Marcia will run the booth. They will hand out flyers to advertise the scavenger hunt.

A motion was made by Allison to request that EVCG will pay the \$200 sponsor fee to the Arts Bus. Motion was seconded by Joan. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

July 4th parade: EVCG won't be able to participate in the parade this year due to the amount of time and resources EVCG is devoting to organizing the porch quilt scavenger hunt. Allison will talk to people to see if there's an interest in having some volunteers hand out flyers at the parade to advertise the scavenger hunt.

b. Public Relations Committee: Betsy would like to keep track of upcoming events on the calendar. After some discussion at the meeting, it was agreed that we will maintain an ongoing list and update it each month.

Items for June:

- Promote scavenger hunt on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, radio stations & tv, and community calendar.
- Press release for the scavenger hunt
- Promotion for the Wrap-Up party
- Bingo – put up posters

Items for July:

- Marcia will send out another EVCG newsletter.

c. Capital Campaign & Grants Committee: Betsy reported that two grant requests were submitted by EVCG. One request went to the Lamson Howell Foundation and the other went to Senator Bernie Sanders' Office. A good photo of the hall is needed in order to finish the fundraising brochure. Next committee meeting will be June 8th at 6:00 PM.

7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign: Betsy will ask Trevor Lashua for an update when she sees him again.

b. Clock update: No update - on hold

8. New Business

a. Information to share at the next Selectboard meeting: provide an update on the scavenger hunt.

b. Meeting with new Town Manager: Betsy met with Trevor and told him about the importance of the East Valley Community Hall and EVCG's efforts to restore the hall. She will send him an invite to the porch quilt scavenger hunt. EVCG will provide him a free registration for the event.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM on a motion by Mark Kelley, and seconded by Joan Feierabend.