



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)

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

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Elizabeth Lord, Joan Feierabend, Mark Kelley, Jane Terry, Christine Settles, Sarah Jolivette, Pat French, Bobbie Kimberly, Susan Haney, John Pimental

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Betsy Race at 5:39 PM.
2. Introductions: new member, Susan Haney, attended the meeting

Celebrations and Accomplishments

- The Porch Quilt Scavenger Hunt is on! After six months of planning and a lot of hard work by the committee and participating artists, the event is now underway.
- The East Valley Community Hall (the Hall) is being opened up for summer Bingo events. EVCG volunteers spent a lot of time cleaning the Hall and mopping the floor.

3. Changes to the Agenda: none
4. Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve the June 1st minutes was made by Mark Kelley and seconded by Allison Belisle. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the June Treasurer's report was made by Mark Kelley and seconded by Josie Carothers. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer, Allison Belisle, reported the following:

Total cash revenue received for June was \$510.00. Total cash expenses were \$211.87.

In-Kind Donations totaling \$780.98 were received from: Grey Bar Farm, who gave plants for the community garden, David Markwood, who gave wood for the porch quilt project, and Catamount Kitchen, who donated smoke detectors for the Hall.

6. Committee Updates

a. Events Committee: Allison reported that EVCG is involved with many activities this summer.

Porch Quilt Scavenger Hunt: A total of 36 quilts have been installed at various locations. Clues can be downloaded at the EVCG website or picked up at the store. In order to qualify for a prize, participants will need to find a minimum of 10 quilts. The results of the clue sheet can be returned in several ways,

including by email, or bringing to the Middle Branch Market, or by US mail. First prize will be awarded to the first person to answer all the clues correctly and return their answers first. There are 40 quilts to give away as prizes.

Wrap Up Party: A party to celebrate the end of the Scavenger Hunt and awarding of prizes will be held on August 14th. The East Randolph Fire Department and Auxiliary will be hosting a BBQ and food sale. There will also be live music.

Art on the Farm: The event hosted at the Sprague Ranch will occur on July 17th from 12:00-4:00. EVCG will have a booth with quilts on display.

Bingo: EVCG is bring live Bingo back to the East Valley. There will be weekly Bingo games held at the Hall beginning on July 14th, and running through September. Betsy said she will put up posters and a sign outside the building to announce the event. A good turnout is anticipated, however the capacity of the hall is limited by space and use. Betsy explained the logistics and permitted use of the building. The Town Manager has given approval for Bingo to be held on the first floor. Use of the basement is not allowed. Also, approval and use of the building is limited to Town-sponsored events only. The building is not available for private use or rentals.

Community garden: Joan reported that she and her grandson have been working in the garden. Vegetables should be ready in August. The produce will be placed on the veggie table outside the Hall.

b. Public Relations Committee: EVCG recently received some very good press in the newspaper. The porch quilt project and scavenger hunt were featured in a July 3rd article published in the Valley News. <https://www.vnews.com/Out---About-East-Valley-group-starts-porch-quilt-scavenger-hunt-41250271>

c. Capital Campaign & Grants Committee: EVCG is waiting to receive a response regarding the grant request from the Lamson Howell Foundation.

Architect information: a meeting should be set up with Town Manager, Trevor Lashua. Betsy and John will use the meeting as an opportunity to explain the process that EVCG has gone through to date, and to find out if there are ways to hire an architect without the RFP process.

7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign: No new updates. Betsy has made several calls to the town and has inquired regarding necessary paperwork.

b. Clock update: on hold

8. New Business

a. Selectboard meeting this week: EVCG can provide update on the Scavenger Hunt.

b. Other: Allison is working on an assembly permit for the August 14th Scavenger Hunt Wrap Up Party and will coordinate with Haidi Arias in the Recreation Department.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM on a motion by Mark Kelley, and seconded by Allison Belisle.