



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)

Monthly Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Josie Carothers, Allison Belisle, Marcia Hammond, Elizabeth Lord, Joan Feierabend, Mark Kelley, John Pimental, Jane Terry, Christine Settles, Sarah Jolivette

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Betsy Race at 5:41 PM.
2. Introductions
3. Changes to the Agenda:
4. Secretary's Report:

A motion to approve the September EVCG minutes was made by John Pimental and seconded by Joan Feierabend. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Meeting held 9/23/21: Betsy summarized the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 23, 2021. At that meeting the EVCG Architect Committee provided its recommendations to the EVCG group for selection of an architect to conduct a building assessment. A Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting was made by Josie Carothers and seconded by Mark Kelley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

Allison summarized the September report, and explained that a substantial portion of the revenue was based on the gross proceeds from the summer BINGO events. Allison noted that this was a very successful community event, and that Christine Settles assisted with the accounting and tracking the proceeds.

A suggestion was made by John Pimental for EVCG to consider getting a money market account (interest bearing) for some of the EVCG funds. This is an item for future discussion.

6. Committee Updates

a. Events Committee: Marcia reported that the EVCG garden is done for the season and that it's time to take down the tent and vegetable table outside the East Valley Community Hall (the Hall).

At last month's meeting, the Events Committee discussed ideas for winter events, such as sledding, ice skating or outdoor activities. The Committee has decided not to do a pumpkin carving event this year due to Covid.

The next meeting of the Events Committee will be on October 21st. The committee will discuss Autumn and Halloween decorations for the Hall.

b. Public Relations Committee: Marcia said she will prepare a newsletter for the upcoming quarter. The newsletter will include EVCG events such as Bingo, porch quilts, future events (maybe sledding or skating for winter activities), and news about hiring the architect.

c. Capital Campaign & Grants Committee: Betsy reported that the full committee hasn't met for awhile. The two sub-committees (Capital Campaign group and Grants group) had paused meetings for several months until an architect could be hired to conduct the building assessment of the East Valley Community Hall. EVCG is now close to finalizing a contract with the architect, so Betsy will schedule a joint meeting of the full committee to resume work on fundraising and grants.

Mark reported that he met with Bread Loaf Corporation to discuss the contract proposal and to consider ways to reduce costs of the building assessment and rehabilitation. They discussed details regarding aspects of building design and construction (mechanical, electrical and plumbing). Mark is waiting to receive a revised scope with lower costs.

After the contract with the architect is signed, a kick-off meeting will be held to review the project. Betsy recommends that town officials be included and also the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief.

7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign (update from Betsy): Betsy has been in communication with Trini and Trevor regarding the sign application. They have indicated that the Town will be submitting the sign application. EVCG will continue to assist with the details regarding design. Betsy has also done some research into costs from the other Welcome signs in town and provided that information to Trini and Trevor.

8. New Business – none

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM on a motion by Josie Carothers, and seconded by Marcia Hammond.