



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)
Monthly Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Allison Belisle, Elizabeth Lord, Mark Kelley, Josie Carothers, Christine Settles, Peggy Whiteneck, Bobbie Kimberly, Jane Terry, Pat French, Patsy French, Joan Feierabend, Lucy Berrington, Sarah Jolivette, Marcia Hammond

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Betsy Race at 5:32 PM.
2. Introductions - no new people attended this month but time was spent introducing those who had not previously met
3. Changes to the Agenda: none
4. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of Minutes: One spelling correction was noted. A motion to approve the corrected April minutes was made by Mark Kelley and seconded by Josie Carothers. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Action items - reviewed, all noted complete
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Allison gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. Expenses were limited to a payment to the architects. The treasurer's report has been updated to break out details of the Capital Campaign expenses and revenue. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's report was made by Mark Kelley, and seconded by Marcia Hammond. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Committee Updates
 - a. Events Committee: Bobbie reported on plans for Green Up Day activities on May 7, 2022 from 10:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a tent and table for snacks, info about the Shopping Day event, a sign-up sheet for folks interested in getting more info, porch quilts, etc.

Marcia reported on the progress for the East Valley Shopping Day and BBQ planned for Father's Day weekend, June 18, 2022. Flyers have been made to pass out to households along Rt 14 to encourage participation in valley wide yard sales in conjunction with a BBQ at the East Randolph Fire Department. Flyers will be available at the Middle Branch Market, advertising for vending space will go out on FPF, Facebook, and radio. The fire department will handle the BBQ, the Auxiliary will handle the logistics of space rental. EVCG will have porch quilts available for purchase and/or raffle.

Marica also reported that Art on the Farm at Sprague Ranch has moved to August 28, 2022. Joan reported that the garden is underway, compost has been delivered and supplies are on hand. Planting will probably occur near the end of May. An update was also provided on the construction of 'Hal' and 'Amelia', life sized sculptures of people that will be installed outside of the hall to mark the seasons, draw attention to the Hall and the group's activities.

With an eye to ensuring that barn and porch quilt supplies are available when needed, Marica Hammond made a motion to allow committee members to request up to \$500.00 in advance for the purchase of supplies. Mark Kelley seconded and the motion passed with no further discussion or objections.

b. Public Relations Committee: Marcia is still composing the newsletter for the first quarter. Lucy offered to help with that and Josie shared that she was also willing to help. The three of them decided to meet separately to continue this conversation.

c. Capital Campaign: No updates, they have been waiting to meet again until we have some numbers from architects. Now that we have that information, a joint meeting of both the capital campaign & grants committees will occur on May 12 at 6pm.

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e. Hall Committee (architect updates): Estimates have come in much higher than anticipated for the full scope of work. The architects have provided a starting point for phasing and are looking at a more limited, "bare bones" scope also to provide us with more options. The hope is to get these more limited estimates within the next week or so. Discussion of ARPA funds revealed that the town has gotten \$1.4M total, so while there is a chance that some funds might be available for this project there won't be a significant amount of money coming from that.

7. Old Business

a. Welcome Sign: the design is complete, the sign will be in production in the next few weeks.

b. Tent Purchase: no decisions have been made, we'll come back to this.

8. New Business

a. Action Items:

Betsy will pass on the Yard Sale flier info to Allison

Betsy will schedule meeting for grants & capital campaign committee

Allison will test new emails, post East Valley Shopping Day BBQ req for vendors on FB and send it to the radio station

Marcia will post East Valley Shopping Day BBQ req for vendors on FPF, add Lucy to Events email, schedule PR Committee meeting to draft newsletter

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 5:30 via Zoom.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM on a motion by Joan Feierabend and seconded by Allison Bellisle.