



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)
Monthly Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Allison Belisle, Christine Settles, Peggy Whiteneck, Joan Feierabend, Sarah Jolivette, Marcia Hammond, Mark Kelly, Josie Carouthers, Jane Terry, Bobbie Kimberly, Lucy Berrington

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Betsy Race at 5:32 PM.

2. Introductions and Celebrations: Crystal brought flowers to give to all of the people working the last Bingo night, it was a really thoughtful gesture.

3. Changes to the Agenda: none

4. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Joan Feierabend and seconded by Peggy Whiteneck. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Action items - any action items not completed were set aside due to the decision to suspend the efforts of the Grants and Capital Campaign committees
 - i. Betsy - done, except for Capital Campaign Meeting
 - ii. Marcia - done
 - iii. Allison - done, except for procurement policy
 - iv. Peggy - no longer applicable
 - v. John - done
 - vi. Josie - no longer applicable

5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Allison gave an overview of the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the September Treasurer's report was made by Mark Kelly, and seconded by Joan Feierabend. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Updates

a. Events Committee: Time to take the Veggie Table down, frost has ended the season. Mark Kelly, Josie Carouthers, and Marcia Hammond will coordinate to disassemble it. The tent(s) will be stored in Christine Settles' barn for the winter; Hal & Amelia need a little attention & will be put back in place around Halloween. Bingo is done for the year, it was a great success with lots of community engagement and many regular players who came each week.

b. Public Relations Committee: The newsletter has been published, Betsy will send Allison a few additions to the mailing list. Lucy Berrington has agreed to take on management of the EVCG website but is currently very busy and might need some more time before she's fully able to dedicate attention to it.

7. Old Business

a. Purchase of a sandwich board - estimated delivery date was Sept 13 but inconsistency from the vendor led Allison to cancel the order. Looking for a different vendor, we will revisit in the spring.

8. New Business:

a. Business Plan for Selectboard - we could take information from the Breadloaf report and our Capital Campaign pamphlet to pull together a simple and realistic business plan to present to the Selectboard.

b. Getting Hall up to code for use -

- i. Fire suppression downstairs; ADA compliance w/ downstairs doorway; ADA compliance for bathrooms; downstairs paint, carpet, new ceiling tiles; upgraded ramp & upstairs door needed
- ii. Without a lift, we wouldn't be able to use the upstairs during the winter, but downstairs would be available for rentals year round.
- iii. Betsy spoke to the Fire Marshal who suggested that she email the Town Manager, Fire Marshal, and Selectboard members to discuss their willingness to support a plan to get the building up to code so that it could be used again and hopefully help prevent further deterioration of the structure.
- iv. Mark Kelly, Jane Terry, Peggy Whiteneck, and Betsy Race will work together to come up with a simple business plan and potential cost to get the Hall up to code.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM on a motion by Marcia Hammond and seconded by Allison Belisle.