



EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP
(EVCG)
Monthly Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Betsy Race, Allison Belisle, Christine Settles, Peggy Whiteneck, Joan Feierabend, Elizabeth Lord, Mark Kelly, Josie Carouthers, Bobbie Kimberly, John Pimental, Lucy Berrington

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Betsy Race at 5:38 PM.
2. Introductions and Celebrations: no introductions
3. Changes to the Agenda: none
4. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the October minutes with one spelling correction was made by Joan Feierabend and seconded by Lucy Berrington. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Action items - none for October
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Allison gave an overview of the Treasurer's report, with a detailed report on Bingo proceeds. A motion to approve the October Treasurer's report was made by Joan Feierabend, and seconded by Peggy Whiteneck. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Committee Updates
 - a. Events Committee: Put out a call for Jack-o-lanterns to be displayed in front of the Hall, not many participants but the plan came together quickly and there were several other pumpkin related events around town to compete with. Posts for bicycle wheel snowmen will be put in place in front of the Hall, the Post Office, the Middle Branch store, and at Christine Settles' house. Hal and Amelia have been brought inside for now. They may get an outfit change and be put back out during the holidays, that is to be decided.
 - b. Public Relations Committee: nothing to report
7. Old Business
 - a. Business Plan for Selectboard - Betsy Race, Peggy Whiteneck, and Mark Kelly have written a draft

business plan. They presented it to the group and we discussed many aspects of the plan. We like the idea of making improvements to the building that will allow us to open the building to the wider community without embarking on a full scale renovation to the building. One area that we need additional clarity on is how long the existing foundation will continue to be viable, if there are mitigation strategies that don't involve replacing the whole foundation and whether it can support a platform lift in its current condition. Mark Kelly and Josie Carouthers will look into getting additional information about the foundation's state to help inform revisions to the business plan as it currently stands.

8. New Business:

- a. ARPA Update - Josie Carouthers gave a report on the informational ARPA meeting that she attended on October 20. We would like to apply for funds, having more information about the foundation's condition will allow us to make a more reasonable request. The deadline for applications is December 31, so there's a limited amount of time to gather information and prepare the application.

Action Items:

Mark and Josie will discuss the condition of the foundation with the engineer who has already looked at the Hall. John is willing to contact other engineer options that are identified.
Joan and Betsy will finish repainting the snowmen.

9. Next meeting: first Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Josie Carouthers and seconded by Lucy Berrington.