

SILVER BAY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2020 7:00pm

ZOOM Meeting

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Natalie Shotts

- Natalie welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced we have 57 users signed on to the meeting and gave an overview of Zoom meeting protocols.
- The reason for the special meeting is that many people may be cancelling for the summer. It is our duty to support the needs of Silver Bay. The Council leadership met to see if we should allocate money to Silver Bay to help during these most unusual and difficult times. We contacted Carolyn Close and decided that she would submit allocation requests for immediate needs.

CAMPUS UPDATE – Carolyn Close

- Staff has been very productive and have put together task groups. Currently all people who were in the office were relocated to home. Some were designated as essential.
- Malita applied for Payroll Protection Plan funds and we have received money. This has enabled us to bring the core people back again.
- New York State in in a “pause” with people staying home at least through May 15.
- We will not have a traditional Tidy Time but will ask you to stay in reserve and will put a call out for help when we need it.
- We are working out general plans for when we can reopen such as how much time it will take to get staff in place. We are actively planning on being open.
- Each department is looking at work site and making plans for what each area will need to do to be compliant to any regulations. We look at the CDC and American Camping Association and the NYS Department of Health.
- It will feel different on property. We have to have face coverings when with other people.
- [We have lost business but 90% have rebooked for next year and most are allowing us to apply this year’s deposit to next year which helps with cash flow.
- We are still working on Parlin and it is looking good.
- The EC road needs work and we will be contacting a contractor so it will be taken care of

Nick Rama is on the call so let’s hear from him:

- Fund raising is still going on but my heart is to be sensitive to where people are right now. We will continue to invite people to give if they can but be sensitive to their situations. I believe whatever people can do they will do.
- Bay Windows is coming out this week. It is very special because it highlights volunteers, council, and EMPS thanking them for everything they do.
- We are grateful to everyone on Council so thank you so much.
- Natalie commented that since there will not be a play this summer, that instead of the play on Thursday evening, there will be an event hosted by Silver Bay that recognizes volunteers, contributors, Council and White Birch. The Appreciation Event will be in William Boyd Center.
- Carolyn Close commented that we get good vibes from everyone and their support is what keeps us going.

2020 Fundraising Initiatives – Natalie Shotts

- Quilt Raffle 2020 – Eli is going to donate another quilt for us to raffle. The three quilts she sent are exquisite. We will be pushing online raffles earlier than usual. The quilt raffle usually brings in between \$4000 and \$6000.
- Rock-a-Thon – The leadership team decided to push back the Rock-a-Thon until next year due to the effort involved in planning and putting it together

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Peter Meyers

Silver Bay Operating Account	\$33,295.49
Glens Falls Checking	\$82.00
Glens Falls Savings	\$3,600.00
TOTAL	\$36,977.49

Allocations – Katie Calandrillo & Carolyn Close

Annual inspection for sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers	\$5,000
Removal of dead trees at the Boathouse and Woodside	\$13,000
Removal of dead trees at the Children's Pavilion	\$6,5000
Children's Pavilion new playground site work, and/or allocate these funds unrestricted as needed	\$6,500
TOTAL	\$31,000

- Carolyn has provided great opportunities for us to help out. The annual inspection happens every year and includes all fire extinguishers on campus and the sprinkler system
- The removal of dead trees at the Boathouse and Woodside is a safety issue.
- The removal of trees at the pavilion is again a safety issue. The playground site work is for the new playground equipment that has been donated.
- These are all things that have to be done and any help we can give will be very much appreciated.
- The allocation of \$31,000 would bring our reserves down to \$5977.

Questions and responses about allocations:

- Debby Wattenbarger asked what else would we use the money for besides helping Silver Bay? If this is what Silver Bay needs now, then that is what we should use the money for.
- Sylvie Richards asked if contracts have been signed. Carolyn responded Yes. Sylvie commented that she was concerned about using so much when we don't know what things will be like going forward. Should we do this in stages or break it into portions. Carolyn responded that if we could phase it we would but that there are high end risk management issues and these things must be done.
- Erik Kihss asked if when we get going in June will there be a testing procedure? Carolyn responded that no one has an answer. We have to wait to hear from the State. We are putting together protocols of what we can do. Our dining room is regulated like a restaurant.
- Connie and Paul Farmer asked about the playground equipment. Since we don't know what is ahead of us, would you want to hold the playground work off until next year? Carolyn responded yes and no. We have a signed contract. I don't know how the timing will work with construction – we have the equipment ready but need the site work done.
- Carolyn Hoeschele commented that we want to support Silver Bay and would hate to see us hold back when Silver Bay needs so much.

- Faith and Bob Steinfort commented that they agree. Silver Bay is committed to the expenses and that is why we raised money in the first place so we are in agreement to give the whole \$31,000.
- The Whitakers added that they agree we should allocate the \$31,00 and let Silver Bay use it as they need.
- Anne Erling added that she also supports sending the money now to Silver Bay. She asked what amount of money Council needs going forward and how much are typical allocations each year. Carolyn responded that typical allocations are \$4000 to \$5000. Natalie added that the allocations are in line with the amount of money we have.
- Joanne added that she agrees we should donate the money. She wondered if something might come up that Silver Bay says would be more needed than installing playground equipment and should be set it up so that the amount for installation could be used for something else if needed. Natalie commented that that would change the way she has the poll set up. Anne commented that Carolyn already has a signed contract and might not be able to put off the playground installation. Carolyn responded that we can use the money and she liked the idea of leaving us some flexibility with the money that would have been for the playground equipment.
- Natalie launched the poll for people to vote on allocations.
- Anne asked if you have several Council members in the house listening can you multiply the vote by that number. Comment was made to add the number voting with you in the “chat”
- **Voting results:**
 - Fire inspection – Approved by majority vote
 - Boathouse and Woodside tree removal – Approved by majority vote
 - Children’s Pavilion tree removal – Approved by majority
 - Playground sitework, and/or allocate these funds unrestricted as needed – Approved by majority vote. (Note: One person voted Do No Approve).

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- Question was asked about why there will not be a play. Carolyn responded that there have been many discussions with Chuck Leonard and in January a decision was made to not have the play. Chuck indicated he may be moving and not be at Silver Bay and another director could not be found. Also, the number of EMPS participating has significantly dropped off and it is getting harder to do a play. They will do something that is more cabaret style.
- Carolyn Close said she saw a question about the road and said that it is not repaired yet but they are trying to get it done for the summer.
- Anne Erling asked if Silver Bay opens late is there any way to do some push out programming to react out to people who can’t be there. Carolyn Close responded that we have learned a lot. We are doing ZOOM Bible study and Facebook Live devotional times. She said she could see us leveraging this during the season and using it off season. Some people have felt more connected to Silver Bay by what we are doing on Facebook.
- Natalie commented that Tidy Time is cancelled. If you made a reservation for the Spring Tidy Time, you will get a call to cancel or reschedule. If you prepaid, you can choose to donate that money to Silver Bay or reschedule for Fall Tidy Time.
- Natalie commented that Garth and Bruce are doing a great job with weekly devotional on Facebook.
- Carolyn Close said we are getting together to talk about how to reach out more on social media. She thanked everyone and commented that maybe we can use this format in the future on Council Weekends to include those who can’t be there in person.
- Natalie said were 57 attendees that had logged into the meeting, but with many of those being couples/families it’s probably closer to 100+ council members attending.
- Natalie and Carolyn thanked everyone for their input and coming together to support Silver Bay.

Meeting was adjourned.

FINAL VOTE: All items passed by majority (unanimous vote was not required)