

SILVER BAY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2019 6:45pm Watson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Natalie Shotts

- President Natalie Shotts welcomed everyone and passed around the membership roster asking for corrections to be made
- Motion was made to approve minutes of the August meeting; Seconded by Carolyn Olson; All voted; Motion passed.

STATE OF THE BAY – Carolyn Close

- Carolyn mentioned that Steve Tamm had made comments at the ice cream social and had covered all the pertinent information

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tidy Time – Natalie Shotts

Trails – Bob Steinfort

- Lots of people helped and we got lots done
- We instructed a trail biker about the rules at one of the water bars

Special Projects – Peter Meyers

- It was a good day behind the craft shop - installed new floors & doors to make a storage area for rocking chairs
- At Oneida bay there was more painting to be done
- We have one finished rocking chair and one unfinished chair
- We started staining Charter Oaks cottage

Gardens – Jamie

- We have more work to be done in the area near the maintenance shed
- Bulbs need to be planted

Light Duty – Faith Steinfort

- 36 curtain panels were made for Paine Hall
- In housekeeping we made beds, and did dusting and cleaning
- 4 cottages were inventoried along with Spruce Mountain Lodge
- 12 fans were cleaned
- We did towel and sheet folding
- There are still more towels to fold and beds and housekeeping to do
- We can use help after breakfast in the dining room

Treasurer Report

We made \$3300 on the quilt raffle. Eli said she will do another quilt for next year; Eli and Karen Ryan suggested that the concierge desk can sell raffle tickets next year.

Beginning Balance	\$ 39,442.00
Income: Quilt Raffle	\$ 945.60
Expenses: Troutman Chair (Rocking Chairs)	\$ (4,152.00)
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Expenses: Amazon (Lifeguard Chair for Slim Point Raft)	\$ (999.00)
Ending Balance as of October 10, 2019	\$ 34,044.60
Glens Falls National Bank Account	
Checking	\$ 165.71
Savings Account	\$ 1,682.93
Total	\$ 1,848.64
Council Total	\$ 35,893.24

- Question: Sharon Sassaman asked if the money is invested. Response: The money is held by Silver Bay and is identified as Council money. Carolyn Close explained that we put our Council money in the Silver Bay 503C account, so it is better for accounting for the money. Anne Erling asked why we still have a checking account at the bank. Response: for discretionary money.
- Carolyn Hoeschele moved to accept the treasurer report; Carolyn Olson seconded; All voted; Motion passed.

Allocations

- The Program Department requested a total of \$6000 for the Bay Beach raft. Materials are approximately \$4500 and the lifeguard chair is \$1500.
- Paul Duggan asked if we will build the raft. Response was yes.... all materials will be on hand for the spring work weekend when we will build it. Ann Erling asked if it is the same size as the Slim Point raft. Response – yes. Question was asked about the age of the current raft; Response is that it dates back to the mid or late 1990's.
- Paul Duggan moved to accept the allocation request. Seconded by Carolyn Olson; all voted; motion passed
- Peter Meyers requested an allocation of \$800 for seats for rocking chairs. He explained that we average approximately 15-20 chair repairs per season, and we need 10 more seats. Aimee made a motion to accept the allocation request; seconded by Carolyn Olson; All voted; Motion passed.

Membership – Jane Sheldon

The following people are being nominated for membership in the Council

- Carolyn Wester is involved in marketing and branding in the metro west YMCA, she grew up coming to Silver Bay and was here in August
- Aimee Mussel is nominating her husband Ryan. He is from Canada. They got married in Feb and he has been coming to Silver Bay with her. This is his first Tidy Time.

- Sharon and Steven Sassaman. Their grandmother and grand aunt came with their trunks by boat to Silver Bay, Sharon was a Wee Woosle and later an EMP in 1970 – she was even in the can-can line. They got married here. Her husband is looking for golfers. They live in Saratoga Springs.
- Marc Kleinhenz is here with his wife and daughter. They are great at working with their hands and working on trails.
- Nancy Tamm, Steve's wife. She is always helpful in gardening as well as the other contributions she makes to the Bay
- Laura and Caroline Lawlor helped in gardens today. They have been coming here for 15 years. This is their second tidy time. They are from Fairfield Connecticut.
- Jason Nassau moved to accept all nominations; Ming Crusey seconded; All voted, Motion passed.

Fundraising – Natalie Shotts

- The quilt raffle raised \$3,300 and the winner was Jessamyn Sprenger
- There is a new charity donations page for Silver Bay... www.justgiving.com/campaign/silverbay
- You can also sign into Amazon Smile, designate Silver Bay as the charity, make purchases and then Amazon makes a small percentage donation to your charity
- We are working on a Rock-a-thon for 2020 where we may auction off a rocking chair

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Natalie would like to send out a survey looking at the direction for Council and the role of council at Silver Bay. A big item that comes up is communication so the survey may ask questions such as how you prefer to hear from Council (email, website, etc) Natalie said she sees three focus areas for Council... preserving the campus, enhancing the campus and preserving the spirit of Silver Bay

Question was asked for Carolyn Close... what happened at check-in this weekend? Response: the problem was turning over the rooms. Unemployment rate is low and getting people to work part time is difficult. We try to utilize late crew, but a lot of young people are not available because of internships and jobs. We are using all of staff to fill in the need. This does not happen year-round. We have seasonal jobs until mid-November. We had a lot of groups this month and it makes turnover hard. Using all of our staff has been team building. During the summer we put dining room people into housekeeping on Saturdays to speed things up.

Jason Nassau asked if this is normal? Response was that it could be. We want to grow and have business but do it smart. People on staff are learning to do other jobs. Lorraine Schrader commentated that when we came years ago to Tidy Time our beds were not made up for us. Also, if we had known you needed help those of us here would have helped. Anne Erling commented that you can put out your privacy sign on the door and make your own beds each day to spare the staff. Carolyn Hoeschele suggested we send out that kind of information to attendees a week before they come so they know. Response from Carolyn Close was that it would be helpful if our rooms do not need to be serviced. Natalie Shotts said that she gets a list of who is on campus and could send an email reminder of how we can help.

Carolyn Close commented about the help Council gives. She said the Bay Beach raft and moving the signpost may be projects for spring 2020 along with getting cottages open. She said the goal is to knit council into the maintenance and housekeeping needs.

Ming Crusey asked if lighting on the bridge between Watson and the children's pavilion was going to happen. Response: we are looking at that and do recognize the need.

Question was asked about how we think campus traffic is working. Response from Carolyn Close was that the neighbors say they think traffic on the road going north is better. We feel that traffic is reduced. It seems to work to get people at the lot. In winter we use the van. We are pleasantly surprised by the positive comments. The view from William Boyd center is very nice. Carolyn Olson commented that it has changed her traffic pattern.

Bill Crusey brought up the issue of healthy afternoon snack initiative or having a place to get healthy snacks for your children and grandchildren. Carolyn Close commented that Fisher lounge has hummus and cheese and crackers. We might be able to have snacks available there.

Miscellaneous

- Dori brought paper and markers to write notes for Penny.
- Leadership meeting tomorrow at 8:30 in the dining room. Choir practice at 9am and worship serve at 10am
- New lanyards are available

Adjournment

- Jason moved to adjourn... seconded by Carolyn Olson.... all voted... motion passed.

Future Meetings: May 15-17, 2020