

Lake Barcroft Village
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2022 Minutes (Revised)

President Ellen Raphaeli called the May 12, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 3:20 p.m. Also present were Sam Rothman, Ross Kory, Liz Gianturco, Cathy Williams, Lisa DuBois, Walt Cooper, Sue Morse, and Executive Director Cindy Waters. Jane Guttman and Beth Auerbach were absent.

The agenda for the May meeting provided by President Ellen Raphaeli was approved. The minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting, prepared by Secretary Sue Morse, were also approved.

Ellen spotted an error in fact in the January 2022 Minutes and requested that past secretary Liz Gianturco make the correction in her minutes and post them on the website. The passage in question states that the final sentence of Article VI section 1 of the Bylaws was amended to say “The President and Vice President of the Board must be members of the Village in good standing.” However, Ellen noted that the sentence of the Bylaws had been amended to say “All officers of the Board must be members of the Village in good standing.”

The Treasurer’s Report stood approved as presented by Treasurer Ross Kory. Ross explained that, after giving his report, he would be leaving the meeting shortly to catch a plane. but he plans to return to the area by May 20, or no later than the end of the month. There was a suggestion by Sam Rothman to purchase a short-term bond rather than a bond when the Certificate of Deposit expires. Ross will prepare a proposal about purchasing a short-term bond mutual fund and send it to Board members before the next meeting.

Executive Director Cindy Waters referred to her April report. She is waiting for late renewals. One couple is still considering their renewal and another member asked for services, but she has not renewed. Cindy will meet this week with an Annandale resident. Currently, our membership is pushing 90.

Communications Committee Chair Jane Guttman was not in attendance to give her report.

The Fundraising Chair Lisa DuBois has followed up on the offer from HomeInstead. They are still ready to make a contribution. Lisa suggested that Lake Barcroft Village sponsor an outside wine tasting fund raiser for this summer. Tickets would be sold for admission. Cindy added that the group would need to get a license if glasses of wine are sold. A question came up as to whether we should try to reschedule the 2021 Fundraiser, the Appraisal Roadshow, that was cancelled last September, out of caution against gathering during a Covid surge.

Walt Cooper, Volunteers and Services Committee Chair, noted that we would need to recruit more people for big events, such as a wine tasting.

The Programs Committee Chair, Cathy Williams, reported that some of the groups are taking a hiatus for the summer. Dining Around has resumed on Monday nights.

The Membership Committee still remains vacant, so Cindy will continue to handle many of the duties of membership. She mentioned a plan to meet with a potential member on Wynnwood Drive and to speak with Peggy Veroneau about advertising the Village in Peggy’s neighborhood, Sleepy Hollow Manor.

The Operations Committee chair Beth Auerbach was not present.

Jane Guttman and Ross Kory, Technology Committee Chairs, were both absent from this part of the meeting,

Old Business

June 6 Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Mason District Government Center on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. At this time a speaker has not been obtained. Several options were brought forward. Sam Rothman has contacted the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission about the topic of reverse mortgages. Another idea suggested was to give broad ideas about safety. Lisa had two recommendations: a program on the wine industry, which would be a great pairing with the planned fundraiser, and another on Elder Law with Bill Fralen as the speaker. Cindy offered to reach out to Bill Fralen because she knows him.

Ellen asked if there is a possibility of having the meeting streamed. Ellen will speak with Shirley Timashev about streaming the meeting and will find out with whom Ron Karpick left the Village computer.

Since the meeting will be held in person, the refreshments will be on the simple side, consisting of bottled water, and possibly donut holes. Walt volunteered to set up chairs at our room in the Government Center.

Regarding the Biennial Report

Sam Rothman said Jane has submitted relevant information about communications developments, but he needs reports from other committee chairs. Walt offered to help Sam with the report. Sam asked Cindy if the last report is in electronic format. He knows that the first few reports were not. Dawn Donald may have copies of them.

Meeting with Debra Lee

Cindy reported that Jane and Ross haven't yet talked with Debra Lee.

New Business

Rethinking Committees and Updating Bylaws for the Website

Vice President Liz Gianturco will chair an ad hoc committee to review and update Village bylaws for the website and to rethink the structure and responsibilities of committees. Ellen and Walt both expressed interest in working with Liz. Liz suggested an active solicitation of the regular members. She will discuss the matter further with Cindy.

Proposal re Increasing Communication with Members

In order to increase communication between the Village Board and its members, Liz suggested that we send the Board meeting's draft minutes to the entire membership. The Board agreed that increasing communication with the members was a good idea but rejected the idea of circulating draft minutes.

Sam asked if we could survey the Village membership to see if they routinely read the *Villager*. A raffle prize could be given as an incentive to increase participation in the survey.

Cindy noted that she was unable to attend the last Keeping in Touch (KIT) luncheon. The group will meet again in two months.

Ellen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa offered the motion and Walt seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Morse, Secretary

Next Board meeting – June 9 at 3:15, medium Zoom