

Lake Barcroft Village
Meeting of Board of Directors
February 11, 2021
Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held via Zoom on February 11, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Richard Morton at 3:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Beth Auerbach, Jane Guttman, Ross Kory, Richard Morton, Ellen Raphaeli, Sam Rothman, Shirley Timashev, Cathy Williams, Linda Woodrow, and Cindy Waters (LBV Executive Director).

Minutes of January 14, 2020, distributed prior to the meeting, were now approved.

REPORTS:

President's Report:

The speaker for the Quarterly Meeting in March is an AARP representative who will be discussing tax fraud.

Vice President's Report: Ballots for the Annual Election of Board Members have been mailed to Village members. Beth suggested that members be sent reminders to vote.

Executive Director's Report:

The Executive Director's Report for January was distributed prior to the meeting [see attachment]. One full member has renewed since the report's distribution; however, we are still awaiting late renewals from three full and three social members.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for January was distributed prior to the meeting [see attachment]. Ross noted that our finances were about the same as last year. We have, at present, a little more than \$86,000 in the bank.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operations: Ross explained that he has been working with Cindy to integrate the Access system with the Helpful Village system. Right now, for example, Cindy receives bills and notes them in the one system and then sends them on to Ross to pay them through the other system. It would be possible to feed everything through Helpful Village; however, doing so would require using a digital payment platform like Paypal. Ross will investigate fee structures to see whether using such a platform is within our budget.

Communications: Jane reported that an announcement regarding the Quarterly Meeting will appear in the *Lake Barcroft Newsletter* and will include a picture and bio of the guest speaker. *The Villager* is in production but will be out a little later than usual.

Fundraising: In-person fundraising events are not likely to be possible for several months. It was suggested that the possibilities of conducting an Antique Roadshow or an auction via Zoom be explored. Cathy will be discussing the Antiques Roadshow idea with the Program Committee.

Programs: The Program Committee's report for January was distributed prior to the meeting [see attachment]. Cathy reported that the Program Committee had discussed opening some programs to non-LBV members as a recruiting tool. The BOD approved the idea in principle and requested that the Committee come up with a list of programs that would be opened to the Lake Barcroft community and with an end date for the "open" period.

Volunteers and Services: Linda reported that the Fire Department had provided the Village with a large supply of *File of Life* magnets. KIT leaders will distribute them to members who would like them and will suggest that members keep one on their refrigerator and another in their car. KIT leaders will further suggest that members provide their adult children or other responsible persons with a copy of the information they have noted on the magnets. Linda also reported that there had been a discussion within the committee about making board meetings more transparent. It had been suggested that, in addition to reminding LBV members that Board meetings are open to all members, perhaps the Board should, on occasion, specifically host an open meeting. Another suggestion in the KIT meeting had been that, prior to official minutes of BOD meetings being posted, the President(s) send a summary to all LBV members highlighting any topic that may be of general interest.

Membership: Shirley noted that her primary focus during the pandemic has been to increase members' familiarity and facility with tools of technology. The Tech Topics sessions have been working toward that end.

Cindy reported that a new service which has been requested and has been provided by volunteers is snow shoveling.

OLD BUSINESS: [none discussed]

NEW BUSINESS:

Shirley summarized the general frustrations and specific problems Village members were encountering in making appointments for covid vaccinations.

Shirley moved that LBV conduct a phone survey of members to identify individuals who would like help registering for covid-19 vaccinations. The program is to be organized by Shirley Timashev and the information is to be collected by Cindy Waters, who will contact volunteers prepared to provide assistance. The motion was seconded and approved.

Sam suggested that we consider using Village safety vests as part of a membership drive. He is going to try to contact adjacent neighborhoods to see if there will be people in those communities interested in joining LBV.

Richard will order 50 vests, to be paid for by LBV. Whether the vests will be part of a membership drive or marketed in some other way is to be determined later.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:09.

Next Quarterly Membership Meeting: March 8 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Next Board Meeting: March 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Raphaeli, Secretary