



# Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/24/2021

Time/Location: 10 a.m., Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Julie Shino, Danielle Mazzola, Jodi McCaffrey, Bob Steigelman, Tim O'Shea Jr.

ABSENT: Paul Jeffrey, Joe Scarfuto, Gail D'Amico, Missy Faul

## Treasurer's Report

- **Danielle reported for Joe** - that our year-to-date revenue is \$1,800, which includes grants, membership dues and book sales. We have \$10,800 in the bank.

## President's Report – Julie Reported

### Recap 2020

- Donated \$530 to Simon's Soup Kitchen
- Hosted 4 free Kite Nights on 3rd Avenue beach (with ice cream truck!)
- Hosted 5 free Speaker Series events, including talks about microplastics and local history
- Held a Virtual Craft Show in lieu of our annual Kites, Crafts & Cones Festival
- Sponsored the 2nd annual Friends of Ortley Beach Scholarship
- Participated in Clean Ocean Action's Annual Beach Sweep
- Was awarded a \$1,500 grant from Ocean First Foundation
- Welcomed 81 new members
- Launched a new website
- Held 6 membership meetings
- Held a virtual walk in the community
- Held an election for Secretary
- Updated our organization's bylaws
- Surpassed 2,000 followers on Facebook

### Welcome 2021

Held 3 free Speaker Series events, 2 more scheduled this spring. We will resume the monthly event in the fall.

We have 3 scheduled kite nights- June 24, July 22 and August 19

Looking into scheduling a "Walk with Friends"- Lt Bachonski wants to do a workout challenge that same day. Saturday in September.

Looking into scheduling a craft fair in August and Firework night.

## Secretary's Report

### **Danielle is reporting for Missy**

- **Membership:** Danielle reported that we have 259 members, 84 of which have paid 2021 dues. 20 new members in 2021 so far.
- **April Speaker Series:** Danielle reported that the April Speaker Series event took place on April 21st and the topic was "Vegetable Gardening in Containers." We had almost 40 viewers. Members were directed to the website for more information.
- **May Speaker Series:** Danielle reported that our final speaker until the fall will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30pm. The topic is "Seashore Gardening" and will be presented by Rutgers Master Gardener Dr. S. Ann Earon.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Members interested in a garage sale.
- Julie mentioned Seedlings available today only, 4/24, at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue parking lot.
- John Clarke asked about having more signage for events.

- Cheryl Lane stated we could use church parking lot or even start having meetings inside the building for up to 28 people starting on June 26<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned our interest in a craft fair. Julie mentioned that it is in the early stages.

## **MEMBERS ATTENDED**

Merlinda  
Cheryl Lane  
Anne iphone  
Frank Capo  
Jeanne Suarez  
John Clarke  
Maria ipad  
Barbara iphone

Adjournment – 10:25 a.m.

***Thanks for your commitment and dedication to Friends of Ortley Beach!***