

Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: 4/25/2020

Time/Location: 10 a.m., Zoom Video Call

Attendees: Julie Shino, Danielle Mazzola, Jodi McCaffrey, Joe Scarfuto, Paul Jeffrey, Bob Steigelman, Tim O'Shea Jr., Gail D'Amico

Minutes

- The board approved the minutes from the last general meeting at the March board meeting.

Treasurers Report

- Joe reported that we have about \$13,600 in the bank; membership dues are coming in steadily and covering our costs for Q1.
- Joe reported that the largest expenditure on the horizon is our insurance policy.

President's Report

- Julie said she hoped everyone was doing well in quarantine. FOB is here for its members; if anyone knows of someone who is struggling, please contact her at jshino@friendsofortleybeach.org.

OLD BUSINESS

- Simon's Kitchen: Jodi reported that in place of our spring volunteer project, we launched a donation drive for Simon's Soup Kitchen in Seaside Heights. To date, the drive has raised \$150. FOB will match the amount raised through donations.
- Scholarship Program: Jodi provided an overview of the scholarship program and said that it is on hold until we know more about the school situation.
- Grants: Jodi reported that 2 grant applications have been submitted (\$5000 from OceanFirst Foundation and \$2500 from Spirits Unlimited) but it is unclear if these organizations will be giving to causes other than those focused on pandemic relief. She said that we should plan the rest of the year based only on what we have in the bank now. Jodi also is looking into grants for nonprofits that have been affected by the crisis.
- Tricky Tray: Julie reported that the Tricky Tray scheduled for May has been postponed until September. She thanked Missy Faul for her work soliciting and organizing donations and shared the list of donations secured to date.

NEW BUSINESS

- Social Media Report: Jodi reported that we have 1748 followers on Facebook (up 45 in just April), 933 followers on Instagram, and 118 on Twitter.
- Membership: Jodi reported that we have 183 members, with about one-third of 2020 dues paid. We've added 27 new members in 2020 so far, an indication that our organization is still viable.
- Julie reported that Cathy Crisafulli has resigned from the board and thanked Cathy for her years of service. Cathy helped found Friends of Ortley Beach. Cathy said that it's been a privilege to serve on the board and that she's excited by the activity and growth of the organization. She said the organization is in good hands with the current board.
- Website Upgrade: Julie reported that the Website Committee is reviewing proposals for moving the current website to WordPress. It is a work in progress.
- Virtual Activities: Julie said that while we can't meet physically, the board is planning some virtual events to keep us all connected.
 - Music: Tony Corrao has agreed to provide music and laughter virtually on May 6.
 - Virtual style party: Teresa Corrao has agreed to host a virtual style party on May 13.
 - Art activity: Gail reported that she reached out to the Island Heights Artists Guild but hasn't heard back yet. She said another option is to reach out to a vendor from Kites, Crafts & Cones and ask if they'd do an online demo.

Participants could order the supplies and do the activity at home. Please contact Gail if you have any suggestions.

- Cooking show: Tim said he will reach out to a few contacts about doing an online cooking demonstration. The event could feature a local restaurant, like Rockafella's or Bakin' Bagels, and could help raise money for a food bank or other charity.
- Haircutting techniques: Paul is looking for someone to explain how not to cut your hair.
- Fulfill food distribution: Paul reported that Fulfill is distributing food kits every Friday from 11-12:30 in the 3rd Avenue parking lot. The boxes of food feed a family of 4 for several days. Mary Ann Wallis added that Fulfill wants to spread the word so more people can take advantage of the service. The food bank can also deliver food directly to people's homes. She also reported that a Soup Troop has formed to cook and distribute soup to senior programs in Toms River. Danielle said that while she isn't interested in cooking, she can go shopping and deliver ingredients to anyone who would like to make soup. Contact Mary Ann at 914-523-3106 if you'd like to get involved.
- Open discussion
 - Danielle thanked everyone for participating in the Zoom call and said it's important for us all to stay connected during this uncertain time.
 - Dues can be paid via PayPal on FOB's website or you can leave payment in the mailbox at Dakan Homes. Please call or email Julie to let her know to check the mailbox.
 - Julie said that the rest of our summer calendar of events is on hold until we find out more information about social distancing guidelines. Some events may need to be modified due to planning and distancing constraints.
 - Paul reported that OBVTA has canceled Beach Jam this year due to the COVID-19 crisis. He said it will be difficult to hold any events that rely on donations since most businesses have been closed.
 - Julie said to send her any ideas you have for virtual events and other ways that we can support the community without meeting.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Membership Meeting Dates

May 16, 2020 10:00

June 13, 2020 10:00

July 11, 2020 10:00

August 15, 2020 10:00

September 26, 2020 10:00

October 24, 2020 10:00

Event schedule

May 6, 2020 7:00 PM- Music and Laughter by Tony Corrao

May 13, 2020 7:00 PM- Style Session with Teresa Corrao

Attendees:

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Joe Scarfuto
Paul Jeffrey
Bob Steigelman
Tim O'Shea Jr.
Gail D'Amico
Keith McCaffrey
Cathy Crisafulli
Pete Conrad
Dennis Bellars
Pat Suriani
Tony Corrao
Teresa Corrao
Jeanne Suarez
Karen Marzano
Lisa Marzano
Maryann Piazza
Rob Shino

Jenn Stragapede
Missy Faul
Rich Faul
Nanci Deverin
Jeff Deverin
James Ruocco
Karen Ring
Toni Napolitano
Mary Ann Wallis
Mary Ann Kiczek

Next Steps:

Who	What	When	Notes
Julie	Talk to bank about bylaws changes	Before filing new bylaws	
Jodi	Tag paid members in Constant Contact	By end of April	
ALL	Review materials provided by Julie	Before next meeting	