

Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/18/19

Time/ Location: 10 a.m., St. Elisabeth's Church

Attendees: Gail D'Amico, Jodi McCaffrey, Julie Shino, Pete Conrad, Cathy Crisafulli, Bob Steigelman, Paul Jeffrey, Joe Scarfuto

Minutes from the 3/16 and 4/20 meetings were approved.

Treasurers Update

- Joe Scarfuto reported that FOB has \$9,981.94 in bank

President's Report

- Gail D'Amico applied for a \$5000 Good Neighbor grant on behalf of FOB from OceanFirst Bank to help fund a community bulletin board on Ortley's boardwalk. We should hear if we got the grant in about 2 months.
- 16 families are registered for the garage sale.

Old Business

- Jodi McCaffrey reported that we have 136 members. She reminded board members and volunteers to track their hours either the form or through the Track It Forward app.
- Gail and Dennis Bellars discussed the Japanese student visit.

New Business

- Gail discussed the Friends of Ortley Beach Speaker Series. Events will be held the 1st Wednesday of the month, with a break in July and August. The next event is June 6 and will feature Hailey Conrad speaking about environmental issues in Ortley Beach. (see calendar below for dates)
- Jodi McCaffrey provided an update on FOB's social media metrics: We have 788 followers on Facebook, 461 on Instagram and 61 on Twitter.
- Constant Contact/ Website – We are moving our website to WordPress. Pete Conrad is spearheading this effort.
- Friends of Ortley Beach Scholarship – Scholarship entries are due to Jodi by July 15. Gail has reached out to Donovan and TR schools to promote the program.
- Committee Reports Roundtable – Julie Shino thanked Danielle Mazzola for handling the permits for Walk with Friends. Keith McCaffrey is organizing volunteers the day of the walk.; 10 vendors have committed to Doogie Day and we will need volunteers to work the event. We will also need volunteers to work Kites, Crafts & Cones on July 27.
- Toms River Maker fest 10/12/2019 – We will again present a STEAM project at Toms River Makerfest. Ideas are welcomed, and we'll need volunteers to man the table and work with kids on the project.

DUES ARE DUE: Dues are \$10. If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please visit <http://friendsofortleybeach.org/membership.php> to review payment methods.

Discussion

- Dennis Bellars of St. Elisabeth's Chapel mentioned that the church is sponsoring a Tricky Tray at TR Elks in July. Cost is \$12. All are welcomed to attend.
- Paul Jeffrey shared information about Surfrider's event and materials about the organization and its mission.
- Karen Carbonara mentioned that she works for Just Born and can get candy if needed for events, raffle baskets, etc.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates

- April 20 – 10 a.m. – Committee meetings only
- May 18 – 10 a.m.

- June 8 – 10 a.m. – Committee meetings only
- July 13 – 10 a.m.
- August 3 – 10 a.m.
- September 14 – 10 a.m.
- October 26 – 10 a.m.
- November Community Service Project TBD

Upcoming Events

- Walk with Friends, June 1
- Speaker Series, June 6 @6:30 pm
- Garage Sale – June 29
- Kites, Crafts and Cones – July 27
- Doggie Day – August 24