

August 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Martha Buracker.

Board members present: Martha Buracker, Kristen Pence, Nancy McDermott, Mary McKinney

15 members in attendance

Minutes read by Kristen Pence and approved as presented. Tom Lacombe, Debbie Sylvester

Treasurer's report

End of July: \$80150.44

\$833.89 checks – mowing, reimburse AED batteries, petty cash for kitchen for yard sale

\$1410.84 – chicken, REC, National Media, kitchen supplies, chain saw (\$369.99 – only ended up costing \$69.99 thanks to donations from our substation fund and Edwin Wright)

\$53,594.65 \$52k Tbill that matured, donation for chainsaw, Tom's store, collected on sponsorships, yard sale income, found some additional \$114.50 from Redbud; refund from lowe's for tax

\$131500.32 ending balance – reinvested \$52K 4.118% for 6 months: Feb 5, 2026

Submitted request to WC for \$2000 and received that today.

Debbie Sutton is going to take over the merchandise. We have 603 items in Tom's store right now. Consider zip up hoodies for Christmas bazaar. Considering additional cutting boards as well. 8/12 – Loraine Smelzer is doing an audit on our books. We are supposed to have an audit committee according to our by-laws.

Clarification, it is a rolling \$52K every 6 months, we return the interest income to the BCCA checking account.

Treasurer's report was approved Gene Raymond, Allan Brockway: approved

Committee Reports

Trustees: no report

Buildings and Grounds: Stage painting is complete, steps have been repaired and secured; small children's playhouse has been donated

Next projects – more time consuming and more money 1) reno men's bathroom, 2) update gutteretc and 3) East wall exterior repairs

Two large projects after that – 1) kitchen reno and 2) potential roof replacement

Scheduling: Scheduling mishap on Labor Day weekend – yard sale has been pushed back

Application for rental asks for form to be filled out and then send back with a check: rec send in the application and ½ cost as a deposit. Will revise application to reflect the change.

Fall BCCA yard sale dates have been changed to October 17/18 and 24/25.

BCCA Bazaar November 22

History: no report

Gooney Valley History and Preservation: Working on the calendar; Brian is writing stories to match with the QR codes on each month. Collecting ad money with all months accounted for except 1: \$50

BEARR Group: no report

Ways and Means: Yard Sale – still need to finalize dates; Nov 22 Christmas Bazaar

Supervisor Cullers: Coordinator for the spongy moth; VDOT is short staffed and has a long list of repairs due to recent weather. More updates on Broadband tomorrow night at the work session; has to be completed by Dec 2026 to complete current grant funding.

Old Business: Website (Gene Raymond): new pictures posted, in June implemented Google analytics to get more information, beginning of July – added a little fun section with Browntown related crossword. Jimm Sylvester: 118 profile views in July, 55 people asking for directions, 14 website visit via google maps. We still want to tie Google maps and the website together for increased traffic.

Insurance: Amanda Fiel at Element: reached out to Cincinnati re: indemnity insurance; asked about the gas stove –stated we are covered and Martha has the documents. Address has been corrected.

New Business:

Proposed amendment to by-laws: create and set expectations for Publicity Committee. Gene Raymond is interested in working on the newsletter but wanted to get the website up to date first and he wants expectations clearly defined. The amendment has been posted at Tom's and is available at tonight's meeting. Questions can be directed to Gene via email.

Allan provided information on floods, emergency supply list. Thankful for the new chainsaw he already used it on the second night he had it.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. Pence, DVM