

Browntown Community Center Association Meeting

December 12th , 2022 7:30pm

In attendance- Patsy Pennington, Denny Pennington, Martha Buracker, Jackie Hodgkiss, Stacie Mikels, George Hodgkiss, Linda Glavis, Mary McLaughlin, Tom Lacombe, Marianne Thomas, Brian Wilkinson, Roxanne Campbell, Allan Brockway, Linda Arnold, Gay Snell, Joanne Koszyk, Mark Koszyk, Betty Shannon, Catherine Jones, John Jones, Jim Sylvester, Gail Miller, Mark Thomas, Debbie Sylvester, Kellie Campbell, Pauline Reynolds, Ian Fisher, Wes Deavers, Tanya Deavers, Rick Matthews, Doris Matthews, Ken Matthews, Mark Buracker.

*Everyone in attendance who signed the sign in sheet stated they were currently receiving the BCCA email blasts. No one listed an email to add to the BCCA Email list.

Call to order- by John Bell at 7:33pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes- Stacie Mikels read the minutes from November. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jackie Hodgkiss read and went over financials from last month.

Beginning balance- \$27,907.58

Income- \$30,749.08

Expenses- \$4,633.87

Net balance- \$54,022.79

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and passed.

Trustee's Report- Jim Sylvester reported that there is no news.

Scheduling Report- Jackie Hodgkiss reported nothing scheduled right now. January Meeting is on January 9th, 2023

Ways & Means Committee Report- Next thing is the Red Bud Festival. Martha Buracker will be getting a committee together to start planning the Festival. Linda Arnold is not able to chair the Chili Cook Off this year; since no one volunteered so we'll ask again at the next meeting.

History & Preservation Club Report- Tom Lacombe reported that they had a zoom meeting and are working on maps throughout the year.

Gooney Valley History Club- Brian Wilkinson reported that they haven't met this month, so no news. However, they will meet next month.

BOS report/remarks- Cheryl is not in attendance tonight therefore no update.

BEARR report- Brian Wilkinson reported that they continue to sell 911 signs. They are selling about 5 per month. Individuals outside of Browntown are currently asking for the signs. They are undecided if they'll continue the initiative outside the boundaries of Browntown. Mark Kosyk reported that they are meeting with VDOT to improve safety of the road (i.e. rumble strips). They are waiting for a date for a meeting.

Old Business Report- Shenandoah Alliance has filed the report to the planning commission. The working group is meeting with the Planning Commission to relay the information of the report. They are trying to put together a list of planning and BOS meetings where they might be discussing planning in our area so they can distribute that idea to the community.

4th of July- no update according to Edwin Wright and Brian Wilkinson.

Elections for the 2023 Board: Stacie Mikels and Jackie Hodgkiss have withdrawn their candidacy for the 2023 year. The trustees have all decided to stay on. Denny Pennington and Jim Sylvester aren't up for reelection. Alan Brockway has been on for 20 years. A vote was taken and Alan will stay on as a trustee.

John Bell expressed that he has been President for 13 out of the last 15 years. He will stay on for another term if no one else wants the position.

President:

Brian Wilkinson was nominated as President and accepted the nomination.

John Bell was also nominated at the last meeting. Elections will take place.

Vice President:

No nominations for Vice President. Vice President is closed and Linda Glavis is re-elected.

Secretary:

Gail Miller nominated herself for Secretary. Nominations closed. Gail Miller is the elected secretary.

Treasurer:

Nominated individuals are Mary McLaughlin and Ian Fisher. Elections will take place.

John Bell spoke about his position as President and expressed that if the BCCA is going to take a more activist position, you should not vote for him.

Brian Wilkinson spoke about how he would be as President. He values respect and ensures that voices are heard. He likes innovation and looking towards the future.

Ian Fisher spoke about the Treasurer's position. He's been helping with the email list. He currently works at a bank and is always working with numbers. He just wants to be more involved.

Mary McLaughlin spoke about her trustworthiness and how she's been active in the community for years as a post office delivery and active in the BCCA.

Election Results:

John Bell will be President. Ian Fisher will be the new Treasurer.

New Business-

Tom Lacombe reported that he was contacted by Michael Lauter, a real estate agent for Verizon (he works for Mastec, a company known for building cell towers) who would like to put up a cell tower in Browntown on Tom's land. It would be a large piece of land to include a right of way, service road and generator space. It included a 10 year lease with the right to extend to 15 years. The tower would be between 100' to 120' tall and would look like a tree. He said they stated that the idea is to hide the tower among the trees. If Mastec moves forward, there would be a public hearing. Brian Wilkinson and Jim Sylvester led some discussion. Anyone interested or has an opinion, please reach out to Tom Lacombe.

Martha Buracker spoke about the \$25,000 donation and someone asked her for her three favorite charities and she listed the BCCA as one of them. Martha would like to see something happen with the kids to promote the next generation so the community center will continue after we are all gone.

Linda Glavis asked the Trustees for opinion about how the money could be spent within the building. Mark K. spoke about possibly replacing the toilets and plumbing and making the bathrooms ADA compliant. Jim Sylvester would like the trustees to get together and potentially make a list of building issues. Patsy Pennington also suggested that the ceiling in the kitchen is

starting to fall. The trustees will look at long term capital improvement and present at the next meeting.

Mary McLaughlin would like to donate some of our extra chairs to a church in Maryland. Trustees will assess this when they are looking at capital improvements.

Jackie Hodkiss spoke about some of the theft issues. Mark Thomas is planning on buying cameras for the inside of the building. Denny Pennington decided to install a new deadbolt and limit access to the building. Mark K. spoke about maybe taking the locks digital.

Kellie Campbell spoke about the survey with the Alliance and the difference about what was submitted to the county. For example, bike trails, tourism, signage and she dislikes bringing more people up into the area. Kellie had some vigorous discussion with herself.

John Bell responded that she needed to go to the people who are actually making the decisions within the county. This ship has sailed and if people want to voice an opinion, they can make a committee and meet at the community center to plan to speak in front of the people that actually make a decision.

With no further business,

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Signed,

Stacie Mikels

BCCA Secretary