

FLIA Meeting - 8.18.24

Attendance:

- Hannah Sears
- John Danahy
- Dave Johnson
- Doug Sears
- Sue Abt
- George Hendrichson
- Sue Baney
- Lauren Rice
- Tim Baney

Primary Discussion Point – *Should we vote to add the folks from the campground as associate members, and if so, should we vote via the membership email before the in person meeting?*

-8 additional names - all have supported and participated

-Discussion of an email vote:

-some folks on the email distribution not members (largely okay, because they will probably know not to vote)

-Want to document the vote right

-Likely won't get any no votes

-Just make sure we tie things up (Hannah and Sue to go through the names and double check)

-Why not do an actual vote in person? Since we are inviting them to the in person meeting, better to welcome them than vote about them.

-Doug Sears explained that there is perfectly fine rationale in the constitution to allow for the email vote:

-Board can conduct an email vote

- understanding the importance of the campground in this environment

Discussion of the specific language in the email to membership:

- Include the names of the individuals in the note, adds detail.
- Move the paragraph proposing the vote to the top. SEE ATTACHMENT 1.

Meeting agenda for Saturday:

- Welcome new members (assume vote goes well)
- \$ update
- Outlook on construction
- Discuss an updated member's dues (now that we have insurance input) - Sue to provide a draft budget, divide by 80 members
 - NOT a vote, only a discussion (propose a starting point, discuss if too high or too low, etc.)
 - Come back in December - vote over zoom
- Send agenda in advance - budget, update, may get more people
- Also reminder to point out that the \$120k got us the contract, not the full budget to complete construction.
- At the meeting, ask if anyone is interested in the role of Social Director!

Construction Updates:

- operator platform too complicated, simplify
- Campground folks suggested drop the 25k cost for the spring cleanup / etc. - get in equipment, they can help do it, now 5k (maybe)

Donation Updates:

- Netscout - \$2500 towards a work day, if employees come and do it
- On reserve for the gambling money (2025) - assigned a week at a casino, % of the revenue comes to you as a check - no idea on how much. 3-5k (typically)

Other topics discussed:

-Budgeting – Sue has been baking in memberships into donations (ie. If I gave \$1000, she'd count \$40 to membership dues)

-Pickle Festival - ordering hats / bags, Ashley doing raffle, etc.

- Social Director – Need to recruit for this position. Welcome package for new members!

-Organizations that donated, get their logos on the website: Aubuchon, Campground, Bob's Fuel, Netscout, AllianceBernstein, Microsoft.

-Benevity - fundraising portal, allows people with matching funds to go through them to do it (collecting and fees and everything); Sue investigating.

ATTACHMENT 1:

Dear FLIA members,

The board asks you to vote (electronically) to offer associate memberships to a number of individuals—all residents of the Campground—in advance of our August 24 meeting, so that we might invite them to join that meeting as dues-paying associate members. We believe this would be a way to recognize their efforts, and, as corollary benefit, indicate our awareness of the strong engagement we have seen from the Campground.

Members will have seen our report on the wonderful initiative by young people at the Campground to raise funds with a bake sale, following on last summer's car wash. Our neighbors at the Campground, children and adults, have been quick to respond to our calls for support whether in the form of generous donations and pledges or, as we have seen, as sweat equity—materializing quickly (and in force) at the dam to fill and set sandbags.

Membership in the Association is property-based, as you know. But we have a provision for non-voting associate memberships. You may recall that we voted several individuals into this associate status last year. The current list of individuals interest in joining as associate members are: Todd Ager, Michael Dupree, Tina Thurston, Gary & Cindy Cole, Peter & Kim Clark, Phil & Deb Austin, James Patty, Vincent S. Napoleone.

All of these have been quick to contribute to our efforts—with strong helping hands, dollars, and enthusiastic encouragement to others who might be willing and ready. Please let me know if you have questions. We ask that your respond to this email with a “yea” or “nay” so that we may proceed as proposed—contingent, of course, on the assent of the membership.

The board members of the association are immensely grateful for the enthusiastic and generous support current FLIA members and other friends have shown for the dam construction project. We are looking forward to reporting on the status of fundraising and permitting at our meeting on the 24th. We have sought to provide frequent updates, even at the risk of cluttering members' inboxes, because of the urgency of raising sufficient funds and proceeding as quickly as possible to putting shovels in the ground. As always we stand ready to answer any questions you or others you know may have.

Please respond to this email with your approval of these associate memberships.

John Danahy, President, FLIA