

Village Green Committee
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 1:30 PM at the Library

Minutes

Attending: Felicia Sartell, Robin Downes, Denise Collette, Carol Mamczak, Connie Kieley, Peggy Cournoyer, Gail Cromwell, Honey Hastings, absent: Kathy Fedorka

1. Minutes from last meeting were discussed and it was noted that the account balance was missing from item 2. A paper copy was provided to Peggy for review after which the minutes were approved with the addition of the June account balance. Carol will include the account balance of \$4391.68. (action item)
2. Treasurer's report: Connie reported that the balance as of August 7 was \$4,304.19. Felicia requested clarification on the difference in the balance from the last meeting to this meeting and Connie explained that we had an expenditure of \$87.49 on June 5 to reimburse John Kieley for mulch for the Municipal Garden. Felicia then gave Connie a donation from the Drama Club, which was a check for \$200.00. Felicia also submitted a bill for reimbursement for her purchase of mulch to Connie in the amount of \$35.88. Connie will process the reimbursement to Felicia and also see that the \$200. donation is deposited in our Trust Fund. In Kathy's absence Carol will send a thank-you note on behalf of VGC to Steve Cullinan. Robin moved that subject to Kathy's approval, Carol will assume the role of secretary. Seconded by Gail and approved by all. (action items)
3. Honey proposed that we reorder the agenda to prioritize Harvest Festival and Town Hall planting. All agreed.
4. Harvest Festival tote bags – Connie reported that Buttercup no longer has our master design from years past but they were able to give a ballpark figure for embroidered tote bags, approximately \$5. for bag and \$12. for embroidery. It was felt that the selling price would be too high. Connie presented two other options from an online vendor, 4imprint.com. One was printed on canvas and the other, less expensive model is a thinner material. It was felt that quality over quantity was important and the canvas model was selected. Connie offered to obtain a sample. There was discussion of potential profit and how many to order. The last order took five years to sell out. The old logo with a farm theme that Felicia designed for the Harvest Festival was determined to no longer fit our committee. Honey suggested adding some flowers or changing it altogether to have only flowers. Denise found specs for the design area of 5" x 5" on the vendor website. Carol will research font face and logo and present to Connie and Felicia who will review and approve or not for the committee. Peggy inquired about having local artists produce pottery with the new logo, but it was agreed that this would be too costly and that they generally do not produce fundraising products. Honey moved to have the VGC order 25 canvas bags with the green handles and black printed logo with the words Temple Village Green at a total price of \$12. or less per unit. Connie wanted a higher number so the motion was changed to 25-30 bags. The vote was 7-0 with Denise abstaining. (action item)

Continuing on the subject of Harvest Festival, Gail presented a large ziplock bag of lavender that she had grown with the suggestion of bagging it in muslin and selling at the HF. It was suggested that she check Michael's for ready-made bags. Honey moved that the VGC thank Gail for her offer and task her with acquiring the bags for sale at HF. Seconded by Robin, all in favor. (action items)

5. The next VGC committee meeting will take place Wednesday, August 29th at 11:00 AM in the library. Carol will post in the library and at the store. Gail will send Carol directions for posting on the website. (action items)

6. Honey proposed purchasing self-watering planters for the Town Hall entrance and possibly one for the Municipal building. She presented three options that are on sale at Gardener's Supply. The 20" cube is \$100. It is made of a composite material that cannot tolerate freezing temperatures and must be stored for the winter. The possibility of granite pieces becoming available from a resident was mentioned, and they would be set in the ground to provide a sturdy base. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding addition of planters in that location as well as upkeep of past projects and direction for VGC going forward. Felicia explained how the town hall previously had window boxes but that was not an option since the renovations. The VGC had tried using the white planter boxes that are used elsewhere in the village, but they did not work out even when mounted on stands. The scale was not correct, either. Some expressed an interest in not changing the current aesthetic while others are open to suggestions. Connie suggested addressing VGC goals. Carol would like to see that defined. It was felt that various gardens are neglected. Connie suggested using an "adopt a garden" approach which might attract residents who are willing to help out but not attend meetings. Discussion moved to the space between Friendship Hall and the Town Hall. Honey noted that Michelle Cohen of the church board stated we could remove anything we wanted regardless of lot line and that they had already cut down the sumac. There was discussion about the Municipal garden (hydrangeas are blooming beautifully now) and the flowers in Honey's loaner planter did well all summer but the area looks messy due to grass and weeds growing everywhere. It is not on any town employee's job description to provide that level of maintenance. We proceeded outside to view and measure the area around the Town Hall steps. It became clear from discussion that questions and concerns remain regarding this proposal. Honey needed to leave for work. The remaining VGC members returned inside. Gail motioned to table discussion and remaining agenda items until next meeting. Seconded by Carol, all in favor.

7. Gail motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Denise, all in favor.

The meeting concluded at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak

Action items:

Carol - June account balance of \$4391.68 to be added to June minutes. Thank-you note to Drama Club. Research font face and logo for tote bags. Post agenda in library, store, website.
Felicia - verify secretary role change with Kathy

Connie - order sample tote bag

Gail - research bags for lavender. Send Carol directions for posting agenda on website

Minutes approved 8/29/18