

## **Ship Bottom Taxpayers Leadership Team Meeting Minutes 3/24/22**

**Attendees:** Barbara Bishop, Dan Von Schaumberg, John Hiros, Greg Fath, Denise Cleveland, Joe Oliver, Karen Drucker.

Meeting opened at 7:09 pm.

Dan motioned for an approval of minutes from 2/24/22, John seconded it. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report** – Balance in account is \$2,297.39. Rob is working on getting paper statement fee removed from TD Bank. He will be going into the branch this weekend. Joe said he would be looking into rolling memberships. Barbara suggested starting in September. We would look to keep CC info on file for auto debits.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beautification** – Dan will be texting 20 volunteers to see who would be coming back to help out. Checking account has \$1700 in it plus we have a \$400 credit, so they are in good shape financially. Barbara will be sending out a newsletter soon and asked Dan for info to be included regarding plaques, etc.

**Bike Safety** – Karen left two messages with Chief Potter, got a response but played phone tag. Karen will be following up tomorrow. We do have their support, just need to finalize details. Karen was thinking maybe June / beginning of summer. She showed us a sample of the lights – they are packaged in sets of two. Barbara went to the Be Bright Campaign meeting. They are going to have cards to distribute to people who are seen with no lights at night, which is a different process than last year.

**Membership** – Our annual membership meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. Five new members from last report. Information on the membership meeting is below under the Event Planning subsection.

### **JCTA** –

May 7<sup>th</sup> there will be an island wide cleanup. We need to have 3-4 volunteers passing out gloves and bags. Kathleen Flanagan said she may have some grant money that we can use. We need to ask around to get volunteers. This would be for approximately 3 hours (maybe 9-12 or 10-1). We will put a note on the electronic sign coming on the island. More info to follow. Joe and John suggested getting coupons to pass out to those that participate.

**Regional School Taxes** On a different note, a letter has been sent to the governor's office asking for a meeting to discuss the inequities of what the island is paying based on actual school enrollment. They are looking to start a conversation at this point.

Island Wide Flooding Committee - Denise reported that Frank Little has agreed to come to a meeting to discuss specifics. Denise will let us know once that is scheduled.

### **Old Business:**

**Ship Bottom Budget** –Barbara said no scheduled meeting yet for the workshop.

**Event Planning** – John and Denise have come up with an agenda for the June 4<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. The time of the meeting will be 11:30 – 1:30. John will be purchasing business cards which we will pass out at the Sprint for Life 5K, which is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link for the race with event details: <https://shipbottomsprint.com/race-information/>

The committees in the by-laws are Beautification, Finance, Audit, Membership. Dan votes Beautification should be the top priority! Now that SBTA has been working as a team for some time, the group feels membership and communication committees are key ones for our focus. Block Captains will be recruited at the general membership meeting. Denise will be asking Dollar General to see if they will donate paper plates, etc. As for the actual meeting, Barbara stressed the need to have attendees be given a chance to speak and get them involved. We need an organized way to keep the meeting in order.

The Ship Bottom Fire Company is planning their main event celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be held on 10/8/22. Cornhole Tournament and Flag Day events are possibilities to be part of the Anniversary celebration. On a related note, the annual Kite Festival is typically on this same weekend as the main celebration so they may be moving their event to another date.

### **New Business:**

No official new business. However, Joe shared issues that arose with the implementation of a sea wall on Ship Bottom Avenue. There seems to have been some questionable decisions made regarding ownership and liability of the sea wall. Barbara will see if she can find out any additional information. Her suggestion is that we could potentially send a letter requesting more information since it is our tax money. We have to stay neutral regardless.

**Next meeting 4/21/2022. Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg.**