

**STRATHMORE-BEL PRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2022**

DATE: April 26, 2022
PLACE: Zoom Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Hammond	(Vice President)	John Bogasky	(Treasurer)
Linda Bea	(Secretary)	Elliot Chabot	(Board)
Lilla Hammond	(Board)	Rita Vaught	(Board)

ABSENT:

Nancy Bechtol	(President)	Chris Swan	(Board)
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OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were accepted as prepared.

Summer Entertainment Series

Guest Policy

The guest policy for the Summer Entertainment Series was discussed at the last meeting. The BPRA will look at the final language to be added. The policy will state that no fee will be charged for guests if you are attending the movies, concerts or public forums in the 2022 season. If you have more than 10 guests, you must provide a list of names to the front desk.

Movies

The first movies will be a drive-in movie featuring Encanto.

John will not be available on June 4, so he will check with his team to see who can manage the movie.

Concerts

The number of concerts to be held this summer has not been finalized. This will be finalized by the May meeting.

Fundraising

Donations are down from last year. Total pledges this year, to date, are \$2500. For the last three years, the donations have been \$3600. We will use last year's banner for the first movie to see if additional pledges come in.

John will reach out to Dave Pullen to see if contributions can be made via ESoft.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

John presented the Treasurer's Report. Our advertising is up. Elliot has reached out to the candidates to see if they would consider advertising in The Bugle.

Fourth of July

Lilla reported that Michael Chamberlain, the magician we have used in prior years, is still in business. We don't know yet whether we are allowed to have an entertainment portion of the July 4th activities due to COVID restrictions. What is our plan if the numbers increase?

We may need new signs. Lilla will check.

The flag raising ceremony by the Boy Scouts is approximately 12:15 pm.

We discussed whether we would have a walking parade, a car parade, or a combination. We need volunteers to help. Elliot thought it was good to have the car parade because it included all sections of the community, and many people came out to cheer on the cars. So, it seemed more inclusive.

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Yard Sale

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 24, with a rain date of Sunday, September 25.

Candidate Forums

There are several more candidate forums scheduled:

May 5 – State Legislature (House of Delegates and State Senate for District 19)

May 12 – Candidates for County Council for District 6

May 25 – School Board, at large and District 5 candidates

June 1 – School Board District 1 and District 3 candidates

June 15 – Montgomery County State's Attorney

Because the primary has been rescheduled to later in July, Lilla suggested we approach the candidates to see if they would like to participate in the July 4th car parade. Lilla will provide Elliot with specific times and places so he can contact the various candidates.

BPRA

The Board is anticipating COVID will not adversely affect the season. They have voted to put the general rules back into effect. They will use the rules adopted at the end of 2019.

Friends of the Aspen Hill Library

For the last 30 years, the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library has been a member of the Montgomery County Friends of the Library. In late March, the Montgomery County Friends disaffiliated itself from the local groups. This created problems for the local groups as they had been included in the County's insurance and tax ID. The local groups had also had access to the libraries to use space and store items. Now they do not. About half of the local groups have disbanded, and now the County wants their treasuries.

The Aspen Hill group has applied for their own tax ID and purchased liability insurance. Getting access to the libraries is more difficult. They are negotiating with the County to get the same access and privileges as the county groups.

A motion was made, seconded and passed for the SBPCA to write a letter to the County Executive expressing displeasure at what has happened and urging him to grant Friends of the Aspen Hill Library and the other local groups the rights they had previously had, and the same rights currently extended to the Montgomery County Friends of the Library.

The letter will be ready in time for the Spring Thing and will be handed out to the candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be on May 24, 2022.

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