

BPCC 88th Annual Meeting
October 14, 2022
In-person & Zoom Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order

Joe Valenza, President

Joe called the 88th Annual Meeting of the Biddeford Pool Community Center to order at 5:36 pm. A quorum was present as 59 members attended in-person or via Zoom.

After welcoming everyone, Joe expressed thanks for the generous support from Peter McPheeters in handling the Trustees Meetings and presenting a variety of BPCHS slide shows via Zoom for the past two years.

Secretary's Report

Chris Sorrentino, Secretary

The minutes of the BPCC 87th Annual Meeting, held October 15, 2021, are posted on the website (biddefordpoolcommunitycenter.org). There were no corrections. *Bonnie Buechs moved to accept; Carol Bassett seconded. The motion passed.*

Treasurer's Report

Ben Pratt, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report is posted on the BPCC website. Ben noted that for the past 2 ½ - 3 years BPCC has not had a lot of functions and thus fewer expenses so that our fiscal position is similar to pre-pandemic. Comparing year-ends total assets for June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 reveals little difference; i.e., \$520,394 for 2022 versus \$507,319 for 2021, or roughly a \$13,000 difference. Expenses for the two years are also similar. In general, BPCC spends most of the money that it takes in on the building, functions, and charitable donations.

President's Report

Joe Valenza, President

Joe reported that Chris Sorrentino was elected Secretary a year ago after Marysue Emhiser's 10-plus years of service. Joe expressed thanks to Marysue for her long service and for helping Chris with the transition into his new role, as well as her ongoing assistance. The only duty of the Secretary stated in the bylaws is the roll of taking minutes. However, over time, the Secretary has taken on three additional responsibilities: sending newsletters and meeting reminders via email, maintaining the membership list, and acknowledging donations. A committee consisting of Chris, Diane Noble, and Carol Bassett met to determine how to divvy up these 4 responsibilities. They recommended that the Secretary perform the duty specified in the bylaws and that the other three responsibilities go to other Board members.

Then Joe asked people to stand as he introduced them: Peter McPheeters (Vice- President and Historical Society), Chris Sorrentino (Secretary), Ben Pratt (Treasurer), Carol Bassett (Trustee), Bonnie Buechs (Trustee), Debbie Melican (Trustee), Bill Murray (Trustee), Diane Noble (Trustee, Arts and Creative Studio), Desiree Stallings (Trustee), Eve McPheeters (Functions Committee), Sue Maccalous (Library), and Jim Oleson (Building and Communication Committees). Joe noted the outstanding efforts

of Tracy Callahan and Greg Tarbox (Co-Chairs of the Joan Beaudry Education Committee), although they were not in attendance. Although Bonnie's term on the Board is expiring, she has asked to remain on the Joan Beaudry Education Committee. Joe thanked her for this generosity.

In honor of people who go ahead and make things happen, Joe presented the Golden Awards. The Golden "L" was given to Heather Davis for recognizing the need for a liaison to UNE and volunteering to be such liaison. Lynne Cox received the Golden Mahjong Tile for suggesting and organizing Mahjong at BPC. Joe noted Peter's many uses of his Zoom, especially the historical slide shows, and presented Peter with "I forgot to hit the record button" Golden Record Button.

Joe concluded his report by stating that the spirit of "lending a hand and pitching in" will be echoed in the Committee Reports. Additionally, if anyone has ideas or wants to participate more, they should use the contact button on the website, and Jim Oleson will be sure to forward the information to the appropriate person.

Committee Reports

Art – Diane Noble

Diane noted a number of endeavors conducted by the Arts Committee, for example

- 1) A Winter Artists by the Sea (ABTS) website,
- 2) A Summer ABTS event (in-person and virtual), and
- 3) The Wave Paintings of Ted Johnson displayed in July.

Diane also noted a number of upcoming activities being planned, e.g. a display of paintings by Polly Nodden, and some winter-themed events.

Creative Studio – Diane Noble

Diane discussed various activities undertaken under the aegis of Creative Studio, e.g.

- 1) Drawing sessions, creative writing, and poetry evenings,
- 2) Various trips to different locales (such as Motorland, Ogunquit Museum of Art, and multiple tours of the UNE Marine Science Center), and
- 3) Several Children's Activities ('Scavenger Hunt' and 'Stone-Skipping').

Building – Jim Oleson

Jim highlighted the excellent work by Chris Carroll, local architect, in developing a comprehensive set of plans for a porch, and associated chair lift for our building. Jim mentioned that the plans had been distributed to eight local contactors; two had provided quotes. Jim's hope is that work commences on this effort next spring.

Communications – Jim Oleson

Jim noted the large amount of work associated with maintaining the BPC website, and encouraged those attending to 'lend a hand', if they were so interested.

Functions – Eve McPheeters

Eve discussed

- 1) The copious assistance she had received from Diane and Jim,
- 2) The upcoming Buffleheads Night, scheduled for November 12, which will have a single sitting and a limit of 50 people,
- 3) Mah Jongg and Bridge activities at the Center, and
- 4) A possible Sea-Side Fair event next summer; Eve noted the necessity of getting multiple people to 'stand-up' to assist with the event.

Eve also emphasized that the Functions events held by the BPCC are contingent on the extensive efforts of the Functions Committee, and made a request for additional volunteers. She also noted that if people had ideas for additional Functions events, they should reach out to herself and Diane.

Joan Beaudry Education Committee – Joe Valenza for Tracy Callahan and Greg Tarbox

Joe discussed the financial assistance provided by the BPCC to high school and college students.

- 1) Joe noted that the BPCC provides funds to graduating high school students who intend to pursue a career in education or an education-related field.
- 2) He also discussed the work of the Education Committee in recommending scholarships to college students with ties to the local area, and provided an overview of the criteria applied for the granting of the scholarships. Joe mentioned the three students who will be receiving scholarships this year, one of whom was in attendance.

Library – Sue Maccalous

Sue discussed

- 1) The ongoing efforts to keep the library holdings up to date with the latest books,
- 2) Removing the audio CD holdings from the library (since they are not being utilized), and
- 3) Working on cleaning-up and updating the holdings of children's books.

Sunshine – Carol Bassett

Carol discussed the role of the Sunshine Committee in sending out cards to acknowledge the life events and achievements of the members of the BPCC. She also requested assistance from the members in notifying her of events, so things 'don't slip through the cracks'.

Nominations

The slate of nominees are as follows. Debbie Melican is the nominee for Secretary and assumes the duty of taking minutes as stated in the By-Laws. Ben Pratt is the nominee for Treasurer. Jim Oleson is the nominee for the Trustee position previously occupied by Bonnie Buechs. The Secretary casts one vote for the slate. Chris Sorrentino was appointed to fill the remainder of Debbie Melican's term on the Board.

Remaining Business - None

Remarks - None

Adjournment

Bonnie Buechs moved to adjourn; Peter McPheeters seconded. All in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:27.