

KURE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. and after a short prayer for guidance given by Frances Regan the minutes of March 10, 2009 were approved by the committee members. Members present were: Frances Regan, Jean Martin, Pat Slachetka, Nancy Hughes, Jackie Phillips, Lore Eccleston, Pam Bramhall, and Jim Vatr.

FINANCIAL: Since Jeannie Gordon was not in attendance (on vacation), she did have copies of the following financial reports:

- 1) The Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 Income Report through March, 2009.
- 2) Proposed Budget Worksheet for: July 2009 - June 2010

Discussion on the July 2009 - June 2010 budgets was postponed until our May meeting when Jeannie will be in attendance and we can discuss the financial situation in more detail..

FRANK PASCAL: Frances suggested that we might think about giving Frank an increase for opening, closing, and examining the facility for all our events. Frank has been doing this for us for quite some time and most events go on to 11 p.m. After a short discussion by all members who were present that giving Frank a slight increase was voted on and passed unanimously. The duties that Frank performs are opening the door to the Center before a rental; then after the rental Frank now returns to the Center to examine all rooms, restrooms, kitchen, etc. to be sure that the building has been left the way the renter has found the hall. For instance, all tables and chairs put neatly away in the back room, check the thermostats and set them at the appropriate levels (either Winter or Summer settings) check all doors to be sure they're locked, and the garbage has been taken out to the trash bins. Then he would fill out his report about his inspection and turn it into Town Hall. At that point, if things were not found to be acceptable to him according to our policies, the renter would not be able to have their deposit returned. Since Frank has been doing this deed for us at all hours in the evening, the vote was taken and unanimously approved of an increase for Frank.

ACTION: *FRANCES WILL HANDLE THIS AT TOWN HALL*

THIS YEAR'S AWARDS DINNER: Discussions with reference to the 2008 Awards Dinner (given on March 21, 2009) was quite positive. However, there was one suggestion from Ms. Debbie Price mentioning that perhaps at the next awards dinner we should "read the nomination forms and acknowledge the person who nominated whom". She felt that not everyone in the community knows either the person that was nominated or the person who did the nominating. We agreed to discuss this further at our next years' meeting when we begin the planning for the 2010 Awards Dinner (for 2009 year). Actually this was the first year that we decided NOT to read the nominations because we wanted to keep the dinner no longer than 2 hours duration. But this was a very good suggestion and we will consider reading the nominations along with the name of the person that did the nominating.

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FOOD: All agreed that the food provided by BON APPETIT was wonderful and certainly plenty of food and that we would once again ask them to cater our 2010 Awards Dinner.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT AWARDS DINNER: A short discussion with reference to what could be done next year to make this evening even better and it seems that we have been doing very well on our planning and that we should continue what we have done in the past. **"If it ain't broke, don't fix it".....**However we are always open to new suggestions. We will take into consideration the suggestion mentioned by Debbie Price providing there are not a lot of nominations, and also acknowledge the person who did the nominating.

INCREASE THE NOMINATIONS: We would very much like to receive a lot more nominations from our citizens than we have been getting. It seems that there is not a lot of interest from citizens to nominate their fellow committee members for a good job. We need to stress how important it is to recognize our volunteers as much as possible. Possibly the Committee Chairpersons could be a little more interested in nominating one of their members who have gone the "extra mile".

ACTION: *JIM VATRT WILL TAKE THIS UP WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL*

ACTION: *PAT S. will ask Michelle or Kaysie to provide us with an up-to-date list of all the volunteers here in Kure Beach.*

CURTAIN TO DIFUSE THE SUNLIGHT: Frances mentioned that she would like to purchase a curtain to be hung over the front glass doors in order to keep out the sun during events being held in the CC. The photos taken at the awards dinner this year were not the best because the photographer was looking toward the sun - which as we all know does not provide a good photograph..... Frances did get a quote form Strickland Blinds for a curtain to hang in that opening and the quote was \$900. This price seems to be quite high and perhaps we can come up with some other and possibly cheaper way to prevent the sun from ruining photographs. This will help with the renters taking photographs especially during wedding receptions in our hall, which we get quite often. We will work on this and get some ideas from some of the husbands of the members. Pat Slachetka will ask her husband to take a look at the situation and possibly come up with a solution. Joe may also want to discuss the situation with Sonny Beeker for some ideas.]

ACTION: *JOE SLACHETKA WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE AREA IN QUESTION AND POSSIBLY DISCUSS IT WITH SONNY BEEKER.*

CLEAN OUT BACK ROOM OF 2 PING PONG TABLES: Frances mentioned that she would like to get more room in the back room by donating the two ping-pong tables to a church, or some similar organization. The members agreed that this would be a good idea and Frances will get the permission necessary to do this from the Town Council. Also the piano in our hall badly needs tuning and this could be quite costly. Jim Vatr

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said that he would speak to the Town Council members about using the ping-pong tables perhaps in the Fire Department area - and someone also thought they might be able to be used in the new building at our new Oceanfront Park. There was some disagreement that these tables could be ruined if they were left unattended there. A motion was made and carried by the members for Jim to pursue this subject.

ACTION: *JIM VATRT WILL PURSUE*

Once again, Frances began a discussion about Tom Williams (a retired Kure Beach Police Officer) wanting to use the CC for a Christian SONG FEST. The CC could sponsor this type of event where there would not be a charge to participate. The Committee members voted and agreed to this idea.

ACTION: *Frances will advise Mr. Williams and set up arrangements.*

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m. with the reminder that our next meeting will be TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.

Community participation at our meetings is always welcome.....

*Respectfully submitted by
Patricia Slachetka
April 19, 2009*