

## FOCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FEB.6, 2021

**Attendance:** Phyllis Richardson, Jerry Antonucci, Sally Antonucci, Tim Lilley, Bill Marras, Kathleen Shippy, Larry Furman, Janet Corey, Chris Miller, Michelle Dolensky, Patti Longville, Lizzy Flannery, Kathy Prochnow, Barb Gannon, Barb Marras, Lou and Mickey Trenta, Mark Sabo, Tess Flannery, Margie Sovacool, Lewis Brewer, Kathy Cable, Mar Omedas, Mary Truex.

**Absent:** Barb Hertrick, Kitt Kurtz, Libby McGraw

**Call to order:** Jerry Antonucci called meeting to order at 11:32 and thanked Tess Flannery for her Zoom assistance.

**Prayer:** Larry Furman led

**Minutes Approval:** Barb Gannon moved that the minutes of November 7, 2020 be accepted with changes. Lewis Brewer-2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Larry Furman reports the 2020 expenditures and revenues each equaled about \$23,000.00 plus or minus. The year-end balance is \$32,998.83. Campership Fund balance=\$11,382.45 including a \$400 bank promotion. See complete finance documents from L. Furman. Question from Kathy Cable- Do funds remain with Catholic Charities from 2020 that may not have been used because of the pandemic? Answer (Larry) Yes, of the allotted \$15,000, \$4,000 has been used and \$11,000 remains in the possession of Catholic Charities. Tim Lilley moved to approve treasurer report, P. Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Facilities report-** Bill Marras and Larry Furman have generated a list of items requiring work at Camp Christopher. These include 1) ADA accessible restroom in McDowell Hall. 2) repair of 2 fireplaces with loose brick and mortar and defective flues (estimate=\$6,500). 3) 17 power and lighting poles that are in various stages of disrepair (est. \$35,700). 4) removal of approximately 20 trees for safety purposes (est. \$18,000) 5) covered porches for 4 cabins in lower settlement (no estimate). 6) foundation repair for 7 cabins and the lodge (estimate=\$10,000.)

Bill will be attending the Catholic Charities Facilities Committee Meeting and will report back on his findings. Question from K. Shippy. Is American Camping Association accreditation dependent upon being ADA approved? (NO, per Tess). Mary Truex asks about algae/mold on roofs of cabins. Larry says this problem is addressed each fall. K. Shippy asks about approval of facility project funds at this time.

**Sunshine-** 28 cards sent in 2020, 2 thus far in 2021, new supplies have been received.

**Historian/Webmaster-** (Tim Lilley) Minutes are posted on the website for members review and future voting. Meeting agendas will also be published in the future. Members may feel free to add to the upcoming agenda via email to J. Antonucci or B. Hertrick. 935 followers on Linger page and about 500 on the FoCC.

**Reverse Raffle:** Patti Longville reports that 14 FoCC members are working on this committee. They have met via email and decided that due to the hall being unavailable for rental, the pandemic unknowns, and Vaccine rollout questions the raffle will again be virtual in 2021. The plan is for 10-12 winners this year as opposed to one. An original painting has been offered for auction by the Mayer's entitled "Welcome Home". This is a winter scene of the front gate. Raffle details will be determined by July and flyers created and mailed shortly thereafter.

**Membership:** Michelle Dolensky would like to increase committee members especially reps from 2000-2009 and 2010-2019 decades. Question: Does this age group use FB anymore?

Ways and Means: Small profit from calendars this year as reported by Tim Lilley. 84 calendars of 105 sold, more of a PR project, as a tough year for sales. 36 t-shirts have been sold. Merchandise is in the red, but has good inventory for future sales. Tim also reports Amazon Smile has generated \$124.38 as of Nov. 2020.

Camp Update: Tess Flannery reports previous Camp Director has taken another position as he had been laid off from Camp. A new search will be conducted at some point. Camp is under the regulation of the Health Department and must act accordingly. Tess is recommending 6 weeks of day camp and possibly 7. Resident camp could open after July 4<sup>th</sup> week in 2021 for a 4-week season, possibly more. Goal is to keep Camp in the black and start a rebuilding process. Adult Day care plans are also under consideration. Environmental Education registration for spring is very limited. Capital expenditures may not be feasible due to losses in 2020. September Song program is possible with restrictions. Much was learned from the 2020 season that will help with future seasons. Tess is hopeful that programs would be back to normal in Sept. 2021.

Funding discussion: Many ideas brought forth which included altering the usual funding objective from Campers to facilities this year. FoCC is pleased to be able to assist with projects that are needed. Patti believed we should act now and not wait until the April meeting for releasing funds. Many fund distribution ideas were batted about. It is recognized that FoCC prefers to support children vs facilities. However, the current times call for unique thinking. Tess reports that she has put in a request for tree work and light poles and this is pending with Catholic Charities. Patti would like to reallocate the \$15,000 budgeted for camperships. Michelle suggests funding the 2 projects as they are very useful for the winter programs. Lew Brewer ask what motion is needed. Larry suggests moving funds, and Barb Gannon wants us to be clear about why and how we are moving funds for future reference. Fireplace and bathroom total = \$10,500 estimated.

In conclusion, a motion was made by Kathy Shippy to spend \$11,000 of FoCC funds for the renovation of an ADA accessible bathroom in McDowell Hall and the repairing of two fireplaces. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lilley. Unanimously approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Prochnow  
Acting secretary

A trivia game using camp photos was played following the meeting. Thanks Michelle.