

BCA General Body Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024 7:30 pm
Baldwin Senior High School

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President Kimberly Malone

Officer Reports

- Recording Secretary: Kimberly Malone reported on behalf of Erika
 - Adoption of Minutes-tabled initially because a quorum was not present
 - Provided an overview of Internship and our two interns Diego and Jordyn. Diego was present at the meeting.
 - Gave a brief overview of BCA Calendar of Events
 - Discussed Membership Survey results

- Corresponding Secretary: Mark Prevatt
 - Incoming Correspondence
 - Updates

- Treasurer Report: Colette Carrion
 - Bank Account
 - Bank statement as of 3/31
 - Bethpage \$15,795.22
 - CDS \$8,600.62 out of \$15795.22
 - Capital one \$1731.53
 - PayPal 4/18 \$136.73
 - Grand total \$17663.48
 - Debits/expenses- \$415.66
 - Credits /deposits \$101.43
 - Dividends \$32.62

- President/Vice President Report-Kimberly Malone & Marguerite Keller
 - Baldwin PorchFest & Silver Lake Concerts
 - We are organizing an event called "Porch Fest"
 - It's planned for August 31st which is also known as the National Day of Music.
 - Trying to get funding for the Summer Concert Series at Silver Lake Park. If funded = 3 concerts, the 2nd Thursday of June, July, and August.
 - Grants

- Did not get the Youth Spaces Grant for renovating the Baldwin Community Garden
- We voted to create a grants committee within the BCA to apply for more and different sources of funding.

Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development, Willy Zambrano
 - May 18th - Bike rodeo starts at Baldwin Park and goes to Merrick Rd
 - Will be split in two routes because a lot of kids in training wheels get left behind.
 - 2-3 hour event, starting with a bike clinic in Baldwin Park
 - Kim mentioned that this event is meant to encourage interest in and support for bike lanes
- Government Liaison, Karen Montalbano
 - Downtown Revitalization Initiative plans are going through Town of Hempstead
 - Facade program contracts are still being written
 - Kellogg House Survey will go out to community
 - Arts program, and museum - need to find out more information about where that funding is housed.
 - There has been a change in leadership in TOH planning and economic development. Need to confirm who will replace Rodkamp.
 - Facade program will let downtown Baldwin businesses renovate their storefronts
 - Proposal for the marketing to highlight how awesome we are
 - Funding went to multiple developers to develop properties by the train station - Transit oriented development
 - Jason Vitale Scholarship award is on target
 - Beachfront Club is being watched by Debby Mule, a person wants to buy the land and develop.
- Beautification: Elissa Kirchner
 - June 21st, tenth anniversary for Community Garden
 - Meeting about anniversary is May 1st at 6 PM, flyers coming out
 - Summer plans - Yoga, Cleanups, Book club, children story, Food Truck Fridays
 - Arts and Crafts Festival at Community Garden July 13th - Rain Date for 21st would be the 22nd
- Fundraising, Kimberly Malone on behalf of Sheree
 - There were hiccups with the Spring Swing, but Kim thinks it will end up in modest funds

- Pancake fundraiser at Applebee's scheduled for the 22nd, but does not conflict with the A&C festival throughout the day
- Membership, Rob Weisser
 - 49 Members
 - Subscription activated, more coming because of that
 - More grant research

Guest Speakers

Long Island Progressive Coalition

- LI has a third party model for our electricity utility, which is strange and costly for us because it mixes a public-private model. (Public board, private management). We are the only ones with this model
- 80 million dollars are paid annually for the salaries of 19 managers, who do not even live in Long Island
- Issues with LIPA and PSEG communication; communication is inefficient
- The Progressive Coalition wants this to be a public utility and they gave everyone a flier. They want more affordable rates and are sending proposals to the local government.

School Board Presentation

- Our school system has a lot of newish/newly introduced activities. This includes: YCLC, career academies, wellness centers (with a center planned for the High School), next year career and technical education program at Shubert, college level coursework is expanding, we are making amazing strides in media and news literacy.
- Baldwin 2035 program - Great way to talk to new members of the community
- Plans for future - Want to collaborate with NASA, Brookside Shark Tank, Wellness center in the High School
- We have the best class size in the county, 17 classmates.
- Budget for new school district plans is broken down into administrative, capital, and programs. Administrative not administration
- The majority of the budget goes to programs
- Proposed budget expenditures are 3.98% from last year's budget (increase). Revenues?
- Tax cap for year is 2.2%, expenses are within the tax cap
- Budget needs to be balanced of course
- Ability to do capital work disappeared when we went to do tax caps - Ways to maneuver this is to transfer to capital (build money inside the budget, but not possible

for large projects), capital reserve that is approved by the community, for the large project the only way possible is bond.

- Innovations done recently were done within the budget
- Looking to do classroom redesigns, roof replacements, under 2.27 budget.
- Under capital reserves - Redoing bathrooms, Dr. Camhi says they are stunning and beautiful. From personal experience, she is right.
- High School athletic complex project planned - Funded NOT from bond
- The current models for Baldwin High School were made under a California model and were not a good model, so the school needs to be renovated
- The stage in the performing arts wing is not able to be renovated, and there needs to be upgrades
- Electrical upgrades are necessary, especially after the AC's were given
- The 300 wing of BHS needs to be redone, the plan looks pretty cool
- The hallways are very crowded because the school was planned around kids walking around the school, and you need to go through the commons to switch buildings
- The new plans for the High School would allow kids to eat outside, and move outside
- 134 Million dollar bond taken out in pieces, reimbursement from state aid helps
- Annual cost for 95% of the homeowners will be between \$136 dollars to \$273 Between \$11 a month and \$22 a month.
- Ballot for vote - Proposition 1, the budget, proposition 2 is the bond proposal, proposition 3 - Libraries proposal (nothing to do with school board, they just host it)
Vote will be May 2nd at the High School (on a Thursday)
- Some questions for Dr. Camhi related to the budget?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Grand Baldwin Festival date is finalized and will take place on Saturday October 5th.

Motion to adjourn made by , seconded

Meeting was adjourned at