

BCA General Body Meeting
December 9th Thursday 7:30 PM
Via zoom

The meeting opened at 7:40 by President Darien Ward

Officer Reports

- Recording Sec:
 - Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Rob to move to table the adoption of the minutes until a full quorum is present.
- Corresponding Sec:
 - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Treasurer Report:
 - Update: Presentation of 2022 Budget January 6th: Darien reported that Steve is unable to make the meeting but will make the presentation in January.
- President/Vice President Report: Darien gave a quick update on the Covid numbers listed below.
 - Covid 19 Numbers in Baldwin, Dept of Health as of Nov 28, 2021
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/zip-code-vaccination-data>
 - ✓ Vaccination rates one dose-81.5%
 - ✓ Vaccination rates two dose-71.2%
 - Popcorn Fundraiser: Kim reported that the popcorn fundraiser will be held on January 21st to the 25th so shipments can be made by Valentine's Day.

Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
- Government Liaison:
- Beautification:
- Fundraising:
- Membership/Website: Rob reported there are 66 paid members for 2021. He will be reaching out to people to get them to sign up. Having the membership dues is important because of the lack of fundraisers. Rob will be working on an upcoming community engagement series.
- Quality of Life: Rodney reported on not having any new information on the young people acting out but will reach out. The police are involved. Rodney spoke about the vehicle in front of Dollar Tree that had been in an accident and left there. The car is now gone after he spoke with the First Precinct.

Adhoc

- Bylaws Committee: Darien reported the committee will be meeting in January.
- Election Education Committee

- BCA Ambassador: Darien reported nothing new to report but it is something new to get young people involved in issues, voter registration and how things affect their community.

New Business

- Hate Has No Home Signage: Marguerite presented the sign being sold through the BCA in collaboration with the South Hempstead Civic Association as a response to the Proud Boys marching in Rockville Centre. Signs are \$20 and they can be displayed in a window or in front of your home.
- Proud Boys Response (RVC): Marguerite reported on a vigil held at Central Synagogue. There were speakers there to denounce the Proud Boys and there were about 150 to 200 people present.
- Code of Conduct: Darien addressed the general body about a posting on Facebook that was brought to the BCA's attention regarding vandalism on someone's property. There was a photo posted and the BCA did not focus on why it was there but that it was vandalism. The BCA cannot tolerate this type of property damage and put out a statement to address this. The property owner and business owner put out a statement that whoever did this to come speak to them. BCA feels that property damage makes the community feel unsafe and gives it a bad view. Another business was tagged and there may be others. On Facebook, the post stated it was inspired by gang violence. That narrative caught fire on Facebook. According to the Board of Education and Dr. Camhi, there are no gangs in the high school. There are kids that hang together but they are not doing criminal activity in the gang realm. When it came into the public square, it became a community issue to understand what can we do to deter them from doing this and how this can be stopped. It is a quality-of-life issue. The BCA cares and are proactive. It is our responsibility to prevent this from happening in the future. Kim added that as a Civic a lot of us have outside relationships but a great thing about this organization is we have contacts in the community to find out what's going on. We can come together and put out facts and not innuendo. Linda asked if the POP unit was involved and asked if it was gang related. Discussion took place. Sheree added that a lot of this is centered around the high school. She reached out on the parents' page to offer a forum to get together and they met on Tuesday evening. As an internal note to the EBoard, Darien said the Board will be signing a Code of Conduct, so we know our responsibilities.
- Shop Local: Darien hopes we all are shopping local. Linda asked how do we welcome a new business and she explained about the bakery by St. Christopher's and the problems they have been having with the Town of Hempstead. Discussion took place.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 by a motion from Claudia and seconded by Mark.

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2022, 7:30 General Body.