***STRATHMERE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION***

**Minutes of General Meeting**

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

 The meeting began with the flag salute led by Brian and CJ Furey, and John and Matthew Pond.

 Board members present included Linda Bateman, President; Janice Connell, Janet Mahley, and Rosemarie Whelan. Including Board members, twenty-four people attended the meeting.

 Prior to the 8 p.m. meeting, an ice cream social was enjoyed by all.

**Bergus-Laurence Honor Roll Awards**

 Brian and CJ Furey and John and Matthew Pond were presented with Lady Liberty Silver

Dollars and awarded certificates recognizing them as Strathmere honor roll students.

 After presenting the awards, Katie Bergus Laurence remarked, “I am so proud of these boys.” Addressing them, she commented, “I hope to see you again next year.”

 Matthew, a junior at St. Augustine Preparatory School, thanked everyone, remarking, “Strathmere is an awesome town.”

 John, a seventh grader at Bishop McHugh School, commented, “I’m very fortunate to get this every year,” as he thanked those in attendance.

 Brian, a sophomore at St. Augustine, thanked everyone and added that he “played basketball and baseball this year.”

 CJ, a seventh grader at Upper Township School, thanked everyone for “awarding me for doing well in academics.”

**Secretary’s Report** The Secretary stated that the minutes were posted online at strathmereimprovementassociation.org. Also, hard copies were available at the meeting.

Joe Furey made a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report. This was seconded by Jim Pond. The motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

 Rosemarie Whelan read the Treasurer’s Report in Donna’s absence.

Opening Balance:

August 1, 2017 $5904.46

Income:

$50.00 ($20.00 dues & donation)

$15.00 hat

Total Income: $65

Expenditures

:

$250.00 St Augustine Prep Fine Arts Dept.

$130.00 Ice Cream, supplies and servers for Concert

$59.85 Quarterly expense for email program

$25.00 (cash) Old Shack gift card for August Meeting

Total expenses: $464.85

Balance on Hand $5504.61

 Paul Kiessling made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. This was seconded by Joyce Wilson. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

 Hats – There are no pink hats available.

 History Project – If you would like to share your story, or know of someone interested in doing so, please contact Linda Bateman.

 St. Augustine Preparatory School Concert, followed by the ice cream social, was very successful.

 Safety Day – The SIA distributed junior firefighter hats and also bags filled with lots of goodies for the kiddies.

 Elevators – Dave Townsend would like anyone who has a home elevator to contact him at dtown711@gmail.com.

**New Business**

 501C3 – Janice Connell reported that changes and additions are being made to our bylaws in order to obtain 501C3 status. This includes clarifying our mission that we are a charitable organization. All monies spent will be for purposes stated in the 501C3. If our organization ceases to exist, our money will be distributed to another charitable organization.

 An Officer Code of Conduct section will be added to the bylaws.

 These revised bylaws will be reviewed by a lawyer. They will be posted on the website. A meeting will be called to approve them. If there are any questions, contact Janice or Linda.

 Playground – The bulkhead will be completed first.

 E-Z Pass – This will begin in October starting at the Longport Bridge.

 Nightmare in Strathmere – Please check Facebook for complete information.

 Yellow Strathmere stickers - The sticker is to be placed on the right rear bumper to identify you as a Strathmerian.

 Elections – As Marion Ingram, Election Chairperson, was not present, Linda asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions, and none were forthcoming. A vote was taken among the SIA members present, for the current Board to remain in their positions. The vote was unanimous that the current Board members retain their offices.

Public Comments

 Erik Kjar made a comment that cars are not yielding to pedestrians at Webster Road. As this is a county road, Linda will email Dale Foster about this problem and recommended that Mr. Kjar do likewise.

Adjournment

 A motion to adjourn was made by Len Wilson. This was seconded by Jim Pond. The motion carried.

 Katy Laurence won the raffle, which was a $25.00 gift card for The Shack. Dues-paying members, present at the meeting, were entered into the raffle.

 Rosemarie Whelan

 Recording Secretary

**“RESTORE BALANCE TO YOUR LIFE” PROGRAM BY CONNIE KELLY**

 Connie discussed the “Melt Method.” This is a ten minute a day self-treatment to reduce chronic pain and stiffness, resulting in feeling better overall.

 Connie commented that daily living makes stress, which “gets stuck in our connective tissue.” This program stresses healing without medication.

 She had us perform a variety of activities, stressing balance, which focused on different parts of our bodies.

 Connie Kelly, owner of CK Pilates Studio in Marmora, can be reached at 609-457-3041 or an ckpilates1@yahoo.com.