

CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Meeting September 18, 2021

Minutes

Next Community Meeting: Saturday 10:00am November 13, 2021

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order by President, Deborah Thomas Neal at 3:00pm, Saturday, September 18, 2021.

2. Purpose of the Community Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to hand the leadership of CMCA from Deborah Thomas Neal to Wendy Burroughs. Deborah was thanked by the community for her excellent leadership and gave a wonderful summary of the state of the community. Wendy became our new president and outlined the priorities and how she will approach the position. Thank you, Wendy, for stepping up to take on this responsibility

3. State of the Community

Deborah gave a "state of the Community Address", identifying what has been accomplished during her service as President of CMCA Board, the people who have contributed to build strength in our community and some of the items that still need to be done. Below is a brief synopsis of her remarks which really don't do justice to the thoughtful full text, which is attached, and which people are recommended to analyze for a more comprehensive analysis.

Deborah started by acknowledging there are many things on people's minds in the current events and conditions, her remarks were focused on those things that CMCA can address to fulfil the mission described in the by-laws.

Community: Deborah gave thanks to all the community members who have supported her and contributed to the community including Charles Anson, Yasmin Branden, Kevin Burke, Ellen Steen, Kathy Burks, Mary Gordon, BJ Byron, Board members and everyone in the community who pick up on a problem and tell someone about it who can help fix it

Stewardship: This summer, the Tim Williams Family donated to CMCA the Beachfront property at 1200 Third Street. Although CMCA serves as the steward for preservation, the property was donated for the enjoyment of the people of Cape Meares. Deborah gave thanks to Wendy Burroughs, Chris Spence and many others who examined, researched, identified all issues that may arise as well as any responsibilities CMCA might be taking on. The community also has responsibility for the land donated by Stimson Lumber Company and the Barbara Bennett Community Center. Deborah gave thanks to Mike and Patti Smith who manage the building and keep track of rentals and the building calendar.

In our broader environment, including the Cape Meares village, the Bayocean Spit, Lake Meares and Bayocean Rd, Deborah summarized many of the accomplishments in stewardship of our environment and thanked our First Responders, our professional builders and all the residents who keep an eye out for hazards – it is expected that this task falls first to anyone here who sees

an opportunity to support a healthy environment, not just on their property but beyond. Deborah also provided suggestions on the work that remains to be addressed.

Education: Deborah reviewed the great work that has been done in education and creation and cultural outreach in the community using Art as a medium. These include Arts and Craft Group, Watercolor Painting classes, Visual Artist's Displays, Poetry Book Club, Live readings by CM authors and writing classes by CM authors, In the broader education we have had "Pete Talks" on Foraging, Emergency Hygiene and other back woods skills, how to build Tsunami proof and earthquake proof storage sheds, emergency preparedness education, developing a lending library in the Community Center.

Deborah thanked all the people involved in the these activities that show the strength of our community, including: Jenny Francis, Brianna Gill, Margaret Tweelinx, Ciel Downing, Lana Ayers, Butch Freedman, Pete Steen, Chris Spence (for many contributions), Chris Harvey, Kathy Burke, Jerry Thompson

Build Community Bonds: Deborah particularly recognized the establishment of CMCA as a 501c3 charitable organization, our emergency preparedness, recognized as one of the best in the state, developing a neighbor-to-neighbor support system for an emergency, active social directors, maintaining a beautiful clean, safe and hygienic community center and maintaining a calm respectful, inclusive and diverse opportunity for any community member to participate in CMCA matters on the level of their personal choice

Deborah finished by giving some gifts to Wendy that will be of use for her term as CMCA president

There were many heartfelt thanks for Deborah and a round of applause for her service to the community. Beverly Stein and Kathy Burke gave Deborah a gift

New CMCA Board members were introduced – Annesa Eastburn and Tome Deckhard

Wendy addressed some of the key issues that she would like to address as President of CMCA, including how we will be social after the last years of covid and with no potlucks and the usual social interactions. Wendy would like to convene small groups to hear ideas on how we can maintain our community traditions and also how we can use the CMCA website and NextDoor. She hopes to discuss more specifics at the next community meeting.

Chris Spence thanked Annesa for her tech support in setting up the Zoom meeting for the community meeting that enabled a broader group of people to participate

Our new President ended the meeting at 3:50