

**Giant's Neck Beach Association  
Pattagansett Women's Club  
Minutes  
August 21, 2015  
Draft (not approved)**

The meeting was called to order by the co-presidents, Denise Nejfelt and Erva Willett, at 6:50 p.m. following a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. There were 19 members in attendance.

**Call to Order**

- Erva Willett called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for providing appetizers for the social hour.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

- Joan Malone made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Irene Makiaris. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of June, 2015, Minutes as Posted on GNBA Website**

- Joan Malone moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Chris Paul. Approved unanimously.

**President Updates**

- Denise Nejfelt indicated that she will be moving as of the end of the month and will be leaving the Board. Erva Willett and Tina Bettera will also be leaving the Board.
- Denise Nejfelt reported that the Board had met many times during the year. Two outcomes of their meetings were the streamlining of the Treasurer's Report and the adoption of a proposed budget for the membership to review and approve.

**Treasurer Updates**

- Tina Bettera, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer report. She indicated that there are currently 56 paid members.
- The Liberty Bank checking balance as of August 20, 2015, is \$5,081.49  
The Liberty savings balance is \$17,369.92.  
We incurred interest of \$2.21.  
Expenses were:  
\$20.00 for flowers for the June meeting  
\$804.00 Miranda's Catering for June meeting  
\$193.43 paper goods for June meeting  
\$187.23 for wine, stereo and gift card (\$50.00) for Susan Kietzman book signing  
\$25.00 to Fire Department for Bike Parade  
\$100.00 for T-shirt logo to Katherine Voorhis  
Income was:  
\$300.00 in dues since June 29

\$100.00 from Frontier

- A question was asked by Joan Malone about the income and expenditures for the June meeting which the Treasurer clarified as follows:  
\$685.00 received from members and guests for event deposit (dinner only)  
\$1,184.96 in expenses for Miranda Catering, Arrow Paper Party Rental, BJ's for wine, gift card for Susan Kietzman, and sterno  
Final cost to club was \$499.96

### **Proposed 2015-2016 Budget**

- Pandi Wohler presented the proposed budget. She indicated that the PWC has never had a proposed budget before. She, Tina Bettera and Robin Knowles worked on preparing this budget for the membership. The PWC Board would like future events to be self-sustaining. The Board is suggesting an increase in dues from \$10 - \$15 as part of this budget proposal. The Board decided to postpone the T-shirt fundraiser until next year. Also, the cocktail party at the beginning of the summer has cost money; perhaps, it's run its course. The Board will discuss this. The Board would also like to increase membership. As part of this initiative, they plan to provide welcome bags to new owners with the directory, a poster and gift items included. They are also looking to bring in younger members. One suggestion was to have a member invite a prospective member to attend with them.
- The directory is one of the general expenses in the proposed budget. The expenses as presented for next year will exceed the revenue by \$2000; but, this will be made up with fundraisers. The PWC now has a specific purpose which is to help fund the clubhouse repairs and other projects.
- Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget: Helena Corona mentioned that if we want to increase membership, maybe we shouldn't increase our membership dues. Joan Corcoran mentioned that other clubs charge much more for their dues and that the PWC hasn't raised the dues in a very long time. Additional pros and cons were mentioned regarding the increase of dues.
- Irene Makiaris made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and the proposed budget as presented; seconded by Joan Malone. After further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Fundraiser/T-Shirt Update**

- This fundraiser was postponed until next year. To enhance the sales, the PWC Board is going to ask the GNBA BOG about the possibility of accepting credit cards. The PWC Board will also have Annah Parch, GNBA Website Coordinator, develop an online ordering system for early spring. We will have the T-shirts for the June GNBA Annual Meeting and then for the rest of the summer. They also hope to provide car magnets with the same logo and, perhaps, the following year, sweatshirts and other items.

### **Little Library in Memorial Garden Update**

- Denise Nejfelt and her husband are donating the Little Library to GNB. Its future, temporary place will be in the Memorial Garden; then, it will be placed on the ROW at the end of Griswold Road. Denise is looking for a librarian to oversee the library. This would necessitate checking it periodically for appropriateness of material and replacement of books when needed. The library doesn't get much use during the winter; it's weather-dependent. The PWC will maintain the library.

### **Upcoming Social Events**

- Tina Bettera and Robin Knowles are the self-appointed Welcoming Committee.
- August 28 – End-of-summer cocktail party; Helena Corona is looking for volunteers to collect money.
- September 14 – Morning Glory Café Breakfast
- September 18 – Paint and Sip Party
- Cookie swap in December
- Board game night in future
- Eagle trip possible
- Shop around and dinner in winter
- Robin thanked the outgoing Board members (Denise, Erva, Tina) with gift bags.
- Denise thanked Robin and Pandey for their work on social events this year.

### **Nominate New Board Members**

- Helena Corona presented the following members for positions on the PWC Board: President – Barbara Lena Kosheff; Vice-president – Susan Lena; Treasurer – Pandey Wohler.
- Helena Corona made a motion to approve these nominees; seconded by Rita Ravosa. Approved unanimously. Continuing on in their PWC positions are Ellie Pringle, Secretary, and Robin Knowles, Social Chairperson. Denise Nejfelt thanked Helena for her work in presenting the slate. Helena acknowledged that it is nice to have a Lena presence once again.

### **Adjournment**

- Lillian Agostini made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Joan Malone. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Horton on behalf of Ellie Pringle, PWC Secretary