

Boston Harbor Association Meeting Notes for March 6th, 2023

1. **Welcome-** Call to Order & approval of February minutes- Jeff Salazar 6:31 pm via Zoom
In Attendance: Larissa James, Kate Gervais, Nina Goodrich, Bjorn Hartman, Joyce Herschberger, Nancy Brown & Guests from Boston Harbor Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Larissa motioned to approve the minutes from Feb 9 & the Annual Meeting, Joyce seconded- unanimously approved.
2. **Guest Ben Higgins, Boston Harbor Elementary PTA** proposed closure of BH Elementary?
Two Board members accompanied Ben.
Immediate need to get the word out to Boston Harbor Residents about a proposed cost saving measure to close BH Elementary School. The BHA Board Approved unanimously approved a motion by Joyce Herschberger & seconded by Larissa James to send a notice to all our members by email & mail (as needed) about supporting our school. HB1244 supports raising the levy to keep our school operational due to administration misallocation of funds- short \$17.5 mil deficit pending. Possible school closure 9/2024.
Meeting date Wednesday March 8th 6 pm at Boston Harbor Elementary for community input.
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Larissa James to be our point person with the Boston Harbor PTA.
3. **Self-Introduction of Members- Quick intros so we know each other...**
4. **Nominations & Elections of Officer Positions: Volunteered & Elected by Co-members**
 - a. President- Jeff Salazar
 - b. Vice President-Joyce Herschberger
 - c. Secretary- Jackie Ashley
 - d. Treasurer- Nancy Brown

Financial management of the organization: Jeff Salazar to remain a signer on the WSECU account- now in President Position. Joyce Herschberger to be added as Vice President, Nancy Brown to be added as a signer as the Treasurer. Nicole Lockwood & Michael Deford are removed from the account as fiduciary positions.

5. **Financial Report-** Draft Supplied by Nina Goodrich, Nancy Brown updated the 990 for 2022.
6. **Old Business: Sponsorships for Fireworks-** Nina to lead past sponsors & improvement of the package- everyone to participate in gathering new Sponsors.
 - a. Add Value Ideas – Stickers, plaques, certificates, thank you cards to Sponsors- photo at their business giving certificates- video to FB & NextDoor
 - b. Chris Hamilton offered to host Sponsors at his house for the Fireworks Show- add value.
BOARD NEEDS TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF PACKAGE COSTS
7. **Old Business: Bike Parade –Joyce and Bjorn to Lead-** Idea to ask South Bay Fire to physically help us with that event. Supply Cones & Safety Tape? Bring their truck or EMT's?
INSURANCE?

8. **New Business: Before we decide our next Large Fundraiser & IF/ WHEN we are to coordinate Quarterly Community Events, we should have a BOARD RETREAT. This is a rubber hits the road work session. The Why & Boundaries of our work are defined & agreed to within the group, to help us to present a consistent, quality message to our community.**
Board Agreed to have a Board Retreat- April or May- DATE NEEDS TO BE SET

9. **New Business: TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING: Ideas shared at the Brainstorming meeting: Spaghetti Feed at the Fire Hall, Saturdays in the Park Theme: Movie Night, Community Gathering, Host our Annual BBQ there. Upgrade the Community Message Board on the bathrooms across from the Marina & Maybe add to the Boston Harbor Marina Sign-message board. Bjorn's A boards are terrific- yes, we would still need them. Communications Committee? Kate had a lot to say about this but we couldn't get to it because of time...**

10. **Environmental Committee - IvyBeGone Team & Land Use with Commissioner Meja was fantastic at the Annual Meeting.**
 - a. **Stewardship Program with the Mountaineers- YES we want to pursue this tabled until the next meeting.**
Adjourned at 8:03 pm. Next Meeting April 3, 2023 6:30pm at the Marina

Members are free to call for additional input by email.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Ashley, Secretary

3/6/2023