



# Ferry Beach Park Association

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## **MINUTES**

### **FBPA Board Meeting of June 9, 2019 in Cross Meeting Room at Ferry Beach**

(Minutes taken by Pamela Emery)

**Participating:** Executive Director Cathy Stackpole, Directors Barbara Crowley, Doug Atkins, Steve Fogg, Marty Burgess, Caitlin Peale Sloan, Dee Wilbur, and Pam Emery; also participating for part of the meeting, Nominating Committee member Cyd Melcher

Board President Barbara Crowley called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

The Agenda offered by Cathy Stackpole was distributed in advance and was approved.

Barbara Crowley reviewed the day's schedule: Meeting of the Board, 8 - 10 a.m.; Town Hall 11:00 a.m. in Dolphin Room; 12 Noon - Lunch in DeWolfe Dining Hall; 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting in Gayla Theater, Rowland. Richard Plumb and Kathleen Dziadzio will be nominated as members of the Board and Caitlin Peale Sloan will finish her first term as member of the Board and will move to Vice President position.

Doug Atkins moved that the March Minutes be accepted, Marty Burgess seconded the motion: the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Barbara Crowley, finishing her term as President, commented that being on this Board has been a learning experience - this Board has been different with the Ferry Beach transition, and the world. Her hope for Ferry Beach is that we must change to respond to the world, but must keep our UU principles. She has decided to take some time to contemplate retirement (stepping down from three boards.)

Cathy voiced appreciation for Barbara's leadership, especially through the tenant transition.

**The July 20 Board Meeting:** Marty will run it, and Cathy will help.

**The committee structure** of the Board is still developing as committees continue to work toward goals.

**Town Hall:** Anticipated concerns were discussed: potential for having Zoom annual meetings; a group may want to discuss the "churches letter." Ultimately, the weekend in question went well, and people who attended were happy. Cathy reiterated facts of

FBPA's historical status as a 501(c)3 which is not changing. We continue to honor our traditions, now for 365 days a year whereas until now, we have only used the campus and facilities primarily in the 12 weeks of summer. Marty said ID politics/UU labels may come up. Cathy stated that "like-minded" is the past, and "inclusion" is the future. Barbara emphasized that our mission and principles are what we need to keep in mind - there are no guarantees.

**Annual Meeting Agenda:** Barbara reported we have 80, registrations, more than enough for a quorum (66). Discussed the agenda and possible scenarios of how meeting might proceed during voting.

**Finance:** Doug reported balances are healthy: \$242,000 Checking and \$205,000 Savings. Even with \$127,000 going out for demo of the Quillen Annex, there should be no need to dip into savings for June. The endowment is at \$408,000 – up nicely from 2 years ago. We have not needed to use our authority to dip into the Endowment funds. Barbara noted the \$180,000 set aside for the transition remains unused, still in the Savings account, and Cathy says projections into the fall look great. Cathy answered a question about interest rates from 2017, explaining it was an administrative expenses timing situation.

**Management Report:** Cathy Stackpole reported: There was a good turnout at the recent Lunch for Non-Profits, generating inquiries. Cathy attended an Old Orchard Beach Chamber of commerce meeting about J1 visas, and looks forward to working with OOB and helping support J1s - many of whom work 2 jobs. There are 9 J1s as well as Thornton students filling out summer staffing. Dorm tables and lamps are coming in ( with help from Shelter Rockgrant.) A new group week has been added before Family and Friends. New signage on Route 1 has been put up and Cathy reported a few other facilities accomplishments.

**Governance Committee: By-laws Revisions** Caitlin will run through the amendments at the Annual Meeting. Barbara thanked Caitlin for her work on the by-laws, and will thank Ron Willett when he returns.

**Nominating Committee:** Barbara noted facts: until by-laws change, we can only nominate 2 board members, but the Board can choose a replacement to fill a vacant position. Cyd Melcher has been named to fill David's position. Marty moved, and Dee seconded Cyd's appointment - all in favor. Welcome back, Cyd, who continues to be a liaison with the Nominating Committee.

#### **Task Force Reports - Goals from Retreat:**

Caitlin on **Governance:** A vision statement draft is in the works. Life membership issue is with Stewardship. Regarding the Board calendar and meetings - we need to work on how to make more public, etc. - timing for June meeting, consider possible call-ins to meetings, and how we might give access to some Zoom meetings?

Dee said **Philanthropy** is the task force name, and we want to ask each Board Member to pick 5 sustainers to thank. Pam will print a draft script that has been shared with Cathy. Dee will distribute an updated list of Sustainers, with notes. Discussion around process of thanking. Sustainers will be given yellow lanyards this summer to distinguish them. Dee said Christine Burgess will organize the fall Auction scheduled for October this year, and the auction will be expanded to include things other than art.

**Nominating** Several names were shared with nominating committee.

**Finance:** Doug reported that we are working to create a finance committee. Barbara thanked Doug for picking up so smoothly from Carolyn, and his excellent work. Cathy reported that we were addressing some issues with the city regarding taxes on property previously occupied by Ray Hopkins.

Some discussion followed regarding the **Building Committee:** a committee of one, Steve Fogg, whose term is expiring. Barbara said it is a staff function. Steve expressed gratitude as he is stepping down for this - his only Board experience. He stated that as a civil engineer, he wanted to give back to Ferry Beach with help on buildings, etc. and over time has realized this is a policy board, and physical structures are Staff's area.

At 10:00 a.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

- Respectfully submitted by Pam Emery.