



CITIZENS' COUNCIL

of La Grange

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January 13th, 2016 - Village Hall – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Augustine at 7:30pm.

II. Quorum

A quorum was present.

III. Secretary's Report

*-Approve prior meeting minutes
Minutes of the prior meeting were approved.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

*-Lou Gale has resigned his position as he considers a run for local office.
-Michael Buttron has been serving in the interim.
Members expressed appreciation for Lou's service and Michael Buttron accepted and was approved as the new Treasurer.
Current funds total \$345.19.*

V. Old Business

*Village Survey - preparations are underway.
Beth Augustine, Jim Arnold and John Pappas proposed a survey of limited distribution be conducted about the Village and promoted to La Grange residents at large, and at a minimal cost. Due to an extended timeframe required to approach the Village's Community Economic Development Committee as a partner for a larger survey to all residents, they recommended that the CCLG go ahead with a qualitative survey to obtain some immediate resident feedback that would be usable in promoting CCLG membership and gaining greater resident involvement in Village government. Beth shared some questions from the first draft of the online survey, and will send a link to Elisabeth Cornell for review and edits. Elisabeth will then share a revised version with the project team and the rest of active CCLG members to pretest.*

2016 meeting topics:

February: Historical Milestones in La Grange

February's CCLG meeting will take place at the LG Area Historical Society and feature a 30 minute presentation by its current President and CCLG member, Jeannine McLaughlin, and assisted by Nancy Kenney.

March: Presentations from Park & Library Board members

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Beth is checking with potential speakers, and Laura Tussing will be the CCLG lead to develop a theme with them.

April: Candidate 101: Running for and serving as an elected official in LaGrange

Previous Village Trustees and Board Members will talk about their experiences, what was required of them and the types of issues they faced during their tenures. Nancy Kenney will participate and help to recruit the speakers.

May: Business Development/Restaurant Evolution OR since this is the last meeting before Summer Hiatus, it may need to be dedicated to preparations for Fall slating process.

Elisabeth presented an outline for a special event on La Grange restaurants which was well received. However, it was decided to devote May's meeting to preparations and committee work assignments for the Fall slating process, as well as discuss producing a brochure again. The costs of the brochure were briefly discussed and a suggestion was made to raise the price to candidates to help offset the brochure expenses. Mike will check with Lou regarding prior brochure expenditures.

VI. New Business

-Board Reports: Park, Library & Village Trustee meetings

John Pappas attended a Library Board meeting at which the main topic of discussion was the lobby remodeling.

-Membership letter writing campaign

Beth encouraged current members to write personal letters to people they know that might be interested in membership, citing past successes with this approach.

VII. Committee Reports

(No formal committees at this time)

VIII. Other Business

Beth presented a request from Katie Justak who is campaigning for one of the U.S. presidential candidates; Ms. Justak asked if the CCLG would be willing to host a forum to platform the views of the different candidates. CCLG members were unanimous in agreeing that this was not in the scope of our mission and voted that the request be declined.

**IX. Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 10th, 2016
at the HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.