



**Minutes Member Meeting
September 26, 2019
Corolla Library**

Barbara Marzetti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Marzetti, President

Gerrilea Adams, Acting Secretary

Gary McGee, Treasurer

Betsy Wheeler

Charles Clayton

Jen Austin

Board Members Absent:

Saul Saravia

Kendall Lamm

Ed Cornet

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of for silence Billy DeHart, Timmy McLaughlin.

Approval of Minutes.

Motion Al Marzetti, seconded Gemma Green, passed unanimously.

Old Business

Law Suit:

In court with Judge Sermons on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The judge did not grant the preliminary injunction to prevent the county from continuing to spend Occupancy Tax on emergency services while the suit is being resolved. There are a lot of people interested in the lawsuit. The judge feels that it is a very interesting case that deserves to be heard on its merits, as it has widespread ramifications. We are in District1, Judge Sermons is a District 2 judge but all are in the First Judicial Division. We have requested that Judge Sermons remain our judge throughout the case (a 2.1 designation). Defense's motion to dismiss part of the case will be heard in December. We will probably be heard on the other issues before December. We do not know how much notice we will have before the next hearing. Please notify the signers of the suit when hearings will occur

Grant for Health Care facility:

We did not get the grant. We only found out through the website. We have not gotten official notification. CCA has been looking into trying to go forward as a privately funded clinic. Discussions have taken place with Twiddy, Towne Bank, not sure if we have enough people to do this. WE would need at least \$200,00 to start, but a foundation would have to set up to administer funds.

ACLU:

Have not heard from ACLU about the issue of the county banning members and the CCA and their

spouses from serving on county boards.

Guest Speaker:

Meghan Agresto to bring us up to date on the lighthouse and the Waters Edge Village School. She has been with the Lighthouse for 15 years and the school has been open for 8 years.

Lighthouse has local passes – individual and family. The lighthouse is owned by a non-profit, Outer Banks Conservationists, but is still kept open to the public and remains in use by the Coast Guard as a navigational aide. Construction on the Maritime Museum is starting in Whalehead. The Haunted Village event will occur this year. There will also be a Trunk or Treat event again this year. The keeper's house will be open this year. The Warren collection will be on exhibit in Wanchese.

December 1st is the free climb event. International Chimney Corporation will be coming in November to inspect the tower and make repairs. The cornice of the lantern room is letting water in and 16 new pieces will be made to repair it. They are going to replace the metals joining the glass to preserve the lens. Metal bands at the bottom will be replaced. Some of the brickwork is being repointed. Visitor load was down 1% this year. Lost trees during Dorian.

WEVS: All of the Corolla students who wanted to attend are being served this year. Only one child remains on the wait list (this student was added late). There are four full time teachers. The school is made up of 5 Carova students, 18 hard top students, 15 Dare county students. Classes are still held in the old school building and the chapel's fellowship hall. The building of a new school is still under consideration. WEVS is the top ranked elementary school in the county. High school was considered, but WEVS remains K through 8, as high school would have to be mostly online. The Currituck County Schools are not accredited and rank 56th in the state. Currituck will have to build a new elementary school in the Moyock area due to the housing boom there. The boundaries of WEVS are fluid and students travel within the village area. The lower classes will be going on a field trip to New Bern and Wilmington. The upper grades will go on a trip in the DC area. The school is involved in a wind challenge project to create a wind turbine. This year the wind project national challenge has been moved to the end of May so that WEVS will not be able to participate due to end of year testing. The school had to close for Dorian. There is no lack of volunteers this year, but volunteers are always welcome. Sylvia Wolfe has been designated as an administrator and she handles the volunteers. The school always welcomes donations. No projection for adding students when the Chapel renovations are complete.

New Business

New Website proposal is being developed with both a private and public side. The website will have a documents section, a link to MailChimp to see past emails (for members only). Please look at Facebook page and follow CCA to get updated information.

Currituck County

The county has put out an RFQ to gather data for beach nourishment, but nothing has happened on this. The county did let contracts for the Boat Museum and for the Public Safety Building. Is the county going to do anything about flooding on Rt12? The county has not put pressure on the state to clear the ditches along Rt12. The county is woefully understaffed and the county is not trying to recruit top level applicants. People in Corolla should report road issues directly to the District Engineer in Elizabeth City, also to the BOC and to Bobby Hanig. CCA will put together a list of contact information and distribute it to members.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Roger Crafe, seconded by Phil Schneider, and passed unanimously.
18 in attendance

Respectfully submitted

Gerri Adams, Acting Secretary