

ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2019

PRESENT: Jack Marren, Chauncy Young, David Lee, Galen Powers, Mike Stockman, Kim DeLong, Gary Sabin, Holly Graff, Mary Duprey, Tim Niver, Don Emirbayer, Jodell Raymond, and Suzy Mandrino.

Jack Marren – Said good morning and welcome back after the holidays, Happy New Year to all. Seems we have a few people out sick with bronchitis. Kathy Rayburn is out sick and won't be in. Just got word that our Assessor's Aide, Marlene Murnan, is also out sick. Our Assessor, Wayne Pickering, left a few weeks ago and is now working for the Town of Perinton. We have gone through a search process and will appoint someone at the January 7th Town Board meeting.

Jack noted that Sue Stehling was not in attendance as her husband, Bill, recently passed away. He was a long time Commissioner for the Fishers Fire District. Chauncy will pass around the obituary.

Jack had to leave to attend a State meeting. He looks forward to seeing everyone in February. Chauncy will host the meeting today.

David Lee – Ontario County Tourism

Happy New Year! We have two events happening on the same day – January 23rd. The first is an Anti-Harassment Seminar, an HR requirement for business owners. There will be a small fee and the location is still TBD. Second we will have an Open House at our offices in Canandaigua from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Galen Powers – Victor Farmington Rotary

Last month we had our Giving Tree and along with Rotary donations, approx. 1,400 gifts were given out. The community had a very good year. Next week Rotarians from around the world will be visiting. Rotary believes in term limits and after one year, the management changes. The new management will be training in San Diego and they were offered the chance to visit New York. Visitors will be from Australia, Togo, Pakistan and Argentina to name a few. It's a chance for us to meet with people from different parts of the world.

One of our projects was a tractor for a community in Paraguay. The District Governor Elect came through for a visit and subsequently had our contact, he made the request for funding. The village had oxen to plow their fields, now they can share a tractor to do the work. What a huge improvement in their productivity.

We have our inbound student from Argentina and he's doing quite well and enjoying the area.

Mike Stockman – Parks & Recreation

Winterfest is our annual winter program. It will take place on Saturday, February 9th at the P&R Center. Each year we have some entertainment and events. The weather is very unpredictable, so we do everything inside. There will be inflatables and fun stuff in the gym and outside will be s'mores and the Finger Lakes Logging Team doing demonstrations. Victor Hiking Trails will also have a short family hike in adjacent Fishers Park.

Summer concerts & events are in the planning stage. After last summer, we had a big attendance year so we are booking some bigger bands with more of a following.

Kim DeLong – Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program

Not much going on right now. We had a big increase in adoptions this year with over 25. We added a rider to our program and it has paid off. We are excited going into 2019 and hopefully get some more horses into forever homes.

Gary Sabin – Serenity House

Invitations for the Gala will be mailed out next week. This is our biggest fundraising event. It will be Saturday, March 2nd, at the Locust Hill Country Club. It will have silent auctions, sit-down dinner, a live auction, and a band. The Gala is called Putting on the Ritz. Tickets are \$125 per person. If you purchase your tickets by February 5th, they are \$115 per person.

This April will mark the 20th Anniversary of our first resident. We have had around 400 residents come to Serenity House. We presently have two residents.

Holly Graff – American Legion, James Cooke Post #931

We are looking at getting costs together to update the Veterans Memorial that is located in front of the Town Hall. We will submit the costs & estimates to the Town and Village. We are also looking to send quite a few of our members going as a group to Honor Flight this year.

Mary Duprey asked what the updates might be for the Veterans Memorial. Holly stated that most people don't even know there is a Veterans Memorial anywhere. It is in front of the Town Hall, but the memorial faces inward. They wish to get more awareness that there is a memorial. They have submitted a plan to the Town & Village to put a bigger wall that will face the street with a plaque for each of the military branches, Army, Navy, Marine Corp, and maybe a couple of all-weather benches. Now they will be collecting estimates of the costs to do all that.

Holly noted that they participated in the Wreaths Across America this year and placed 6 wreaths. Did the Garden Club supply them? Mary said that they did not but would like to participate in the future. Holly stated that they have voted that next year they would like to do 5 wreaths, for each branch, at each cemetery with a small ceremony, there are 3 Victor cemeteries.

Mary Duprey – Victor Garden Club

Mary passed around forms for the Annual Flower Pot Fundraiser. The cost is \$20 each for an 11 inch flower pot filled with flowers. The money is due by March and the flower pot will be delivered the week before Memorial Day. The fundraiser helps to pay for the flowers around the village and town. It also goes towards a scholarship for a student who majors in horticulture & environmental sciences. Plus any additional projects around Victor.

Holly noted that the flowers at Fishers Corners and around town are just beautiful.

Tim Niver – Victor Farmington Library

They participated in the Day of Giving in December that included clothes, stockings and books. The event was super impressive. They gave away approx. 1,200-1,500 books.

They are moving forward with their space study to build a new library somewhere within the Victor - Farmington limits. They are out of space. The consultant that they hired has come back with some numbers.

Comparing us to other communities of the same size:

Pittsford has approx. 29,000 people – their Library is about 28,000 square feet

Gates has approx. 30,000 people – their Library is about 25,000 square feet

Victor/Farmington has approx. 30,000 people – our Library is 9,000 square feet

Roughly 2 ½ to 3 times smaller than other populations nearby. We see about 400 people a day. Our circulation has gone up throughout this last year even though the general trend has gone down throughout the country. We are busy, more active and need more space.

We will be asking community members to get together to talk about what they would like to see in their library and how they would want it to be. The meeting will be on Saturday, January 26th, at 9:00 AM at the library. They would like everyone's feedback.

Our Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00 PM.

Holly asked if they had considered a second floor. Tim said that is a possibility. Everything is being considered.

Don Emirbayer, FLCC Victor Campus

We have completed our fall semester right before the holiday. We are in our winter session currently. The spring semester starts on the 23rd of this month. There is a group registration on the 9th at the Victor Campus. We also do individual registrations every day. We are going to be continue on with Community Education courses that they started in the fall. They are non-credit courses and in the evenings.

Jodell Raymond, Victor Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, March 20th, at 5:30 PM, at Ravenwood will be the Women of Excellence Awards. We would love to have nominations especially from the non-profit sector. We are low on these nominations. Also we invite non-profits to present at one of our networking nights. Give a 5-10 minute presentation on what's going on. It's a great opportunity for us to know what is happening and for you to meet our members. They happen on the 3rd Thursday every month, the location moves around, from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Chauncy Young, Victor Hiking Trails

VHT has participated in the past at the networking event and would like to again this year.

The next hike is on January 12th at Harriett Hollister, the south end of Honeoye Lake, at 9:00 AM. Chauncy will be leading a couple of hikes for Genesee Valley Hiking Club. One will start at Fishers Fire House #1 on January 6th at 9:00 AM and a moonlight hike starting at Finn's Tap Room on January 19th at 5:00 PM.

We have 4 or 5 Scout projects in the process of being planned this year.

The big news is the new ramp between Break of Day parking area and East Victor Road. It is a spot that we couldn't get access to originally. We received a generous donation from American Equipment LLC in Farmington of equipment, manpower, and some materials to coat the surface. It is a big thing to help take people off the road for biking & hiking and it gets us across one more creek.

Chauncy passed around a chart, from the Town's Finance department, showing a comparison of tax rates. The County is the largest portion of the tax bill and the Fishers Fire District has had the largest change.

Galen noted that the County has had a lot of State Mandates.

Thank you and have a great month.

The next meeting will be on February 1st.