

## Recap of the Nov 14 BOD Meeting

Thanks to the entire Board who was present for this month's virtual meeting and to the members who attended.

Here are the highlights of what was discussed:

- The **LSA grant application** has been completed and will be filed this week. This grant application is for over \$98k to cover projects to finish restoring the dam and sluice gate and to restore tide pools and remediate the stream between the dam and the falls to ensure fish viability. The Pocono Mountain Economic Development Council will do the submission and administration and we have a letter of support from Senator Scavello's office and Paradise Township. We should hear early next year if we are awarded the money.
- The **Year-Rounders group** is making plans for some activities that will include local hikes, a sewing group making dresses for children in Nicaragua, a card club, a book club, and a Spring Crop Walk that will benefit local hunger charities. Stay tuned for more information via email.
- The **Finance Committee** is working on document retention guidelines. They are also looking at doing internal audits vs. external audits and the overall plan.
- The **Communications Committee** is working on an overall communications plan that will address practices for email, social media and our new website.
- The **Long-Range Planning Committee** is putting together guidelines for best practices in setting up and running committees. PFLA is run by volunteers and the committees are a great way to get involved.
- The **Security and Property Oversight Committee** is working on a process to check each cottage annually against a property checklist and let members know of repairs that need to be made. The intent of the process is to better communicate with members and to have everyone similarly accountable for their cottage and lot conditions.
- The **100th Anniversary Committee** will be selling PFLA ornaments and doormats soon as a fundraiser for the anniversary.
- There is a discussion going on about asking members to submit their **Insurance declarations page** for their cottage yearly. More research is being done but ensuring every member has their cottage insured for major catastrophes is important to PFLA.

The following committee reports were submitted by not discussed in the meeting but here are the highlights of interest:

- **Property Committee** reported that dredging for this year has been completed, the pavilion permitting process is moving along, Andy will be working on one of the back rooms in Social Hall at the request of the Religious Committee to make into a Resource Room, they are researching less expensive ways to refinish our Tennis Courts, and that Liz Malantonio proposed an idea of having a cleaning service during in season to clean common areas. They are getting bids to see if this is an option.
- **Community Relations** is tracking the placement of 2 lighted speed signs on PF property on Rt. 191 and the Township will probably be charging for "Clean up Days" in 2021 so that might impact our normal practices.
- **Beach & Rec committee** is working on continuing to streamline the boat area now that PFLA has boats, kayaks and paddleboards for community use. They are asking members who rarely use their boats to consider donating them. Every member has access to our community boats.

They are also looking at adding more community beach chairs and offering more yoga classes next season.

- The **Board** is looking at ways to better communicate the meeting agenda and key points being voted on in the meeting so everyone in attendance has a better sense of the discussions. We will be piloting some ideas in 2021 to keep running efficient Board meetings but do a better job with visibility of the issues. Thanks for your patience.

The Board wishes everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and hopes everyone stays healthy and safe. We appreciate the spirit of unity and positivity of everyone during this challenging time.