



**BCSEM QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
HISTORIC MILL RACE VILLAGE WHITE CHAPEL, CITY OF NORTHVILLE
JUNE 16, 2022, APPROVED**

1. Welcome and Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by John Darin at 11:21 am.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:
 - a. April 13, 2022 "Celebrate Spring!" Quarterly Meeting: After review of the draft minutes there was a motion from the floor to approve the minutes without change. The motion was seconded and approved by consensus voice vote.
3. President's Report:
 - a. 2022 BCSEM Meeting and Event Calendar: The 2022 updated BCSEM meeting and event calendar was distributed and reviewed. It was noted that a host community is needed for the December Winter Quarterly Meeting.
 - b. Individual Service Award Nominations: John noted that the Individual Service Award nominations for 2022 are now being accepted. The nomination form has been emailed to all BCSEM members, and can be found on the BCSEM website under "Forms".
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. FY 2021 YTD Expense Report: John reported for Dorothy Wood. There were recent revenues of \$220.00 from membership dues receipts, and approved expenses of \$185.41. The balance remaining as of June 16, 2022 is \$1419.50
 - b. On-Line Event and Membership Payments: John advised the membership that BCSEM is converting its Chase checking account to a business checking account, and will be able to receive direct deposits for payment of event registration fees and annual membership dues. Dorothy Wood is converting the Chase account. James Keehn will be setting up a PayPal account to accept credit card payments which will post directly to the BCSEM checking account when processed by PayPal. Mailed payments by check (no cash) will continue to be accepted.
 - c. BCSEM Applying for IRS Tax-Exempt Status: John reported that BCSEM will be applying for formal IRS Tax-Exempt Status, to facilitate additional municipalities to become members of the organization. It is hoped to have this process completed by the end of this year.
5. Membership Committee Report: John reported for Dorothy that BCSEM currently has 31 municipal members and 14 individual members, for 45 total members. All members are encouraged to get their neighboring communities to join BCSEM also.
6. Newsletter Report: Sandie Fischer reported via email that she is working on the upcoming BCSEM Newsletter. She reminds everyone that she is always in need of copy for the Newsletter!
7. BCSEM Web Site & Social Media Report: James Keehn reported via email that he has posted the July 13, 2022 Troy Garden Walk flyer on the BCSEM website. He is looking for more copy to post from other municipalities.
8. Keep Michigan Beautiful & Keep America Beautiful Reports:
 - a. KMB 60th Anniversary Celebration: Pat Deck reported on the upcoming KMB 60th Anniversary Celebration, to be held on July 7th and 8th at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.
 - b. Program Registration Fee Adjustments: John reported that, due to current inflationary pressures and to assist municipalities in conducting Quarterly Meetings, BCSEM will increase Quarterly Meeting Registration Fees to \$17.50 per person, effective with the September, 2022 Quarterly Meeting in Sterling Heights. The motion to accept this fee increase was approved by consensus voice vote.
9. Round-Table Membership Reports and Announcements: The cities of Southfield, Grosse Pointe, and Northville announced their summer garden walk event activities.
10. Travel Trophy Presentation: Lois presented the BCSEM Travel Trophy to representatives from Grosse Pointe Park.
11. Next Meeting: The next BCSEM Quarterly Membership Meeting, hosted by the City of Sterling Heights, is scheduled for **Thursday, September 15, 2022.**
12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Darin, President, BCSEM
For Flo Jagielski, Secretary, BCSEM