

## May 19, 2016 Bay Shore Historical Society Meeting Notes

Barry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Barry then reviewed the upcoming events. Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Parade (meet at 9:30 AM on Lanier Lane in the parking lot of Newin's Ford). Saturday, June 4 – Open House and Bake Sale (10 AM to 4 PM at the Gibson Mack Holt House). Sunday, June 12 – Bay Shore Arts Festival (11 AM – 6 PM booth setup at the corner of Maple Avenue and Main Street). Thursday, June 16 – Next Meeting (Thomas Stock speaking about Sumpwams Creek in Babylon).

The Nominating Committee met and nominated the following: First Vice President – Priscilla Hancock; Corresponding Secretary – Jewell Jacobsen; Treasurer – Joe Pers; Trustees – Diane Hartill and Maryann Feeney. The installation of officers will be at the dinner on July 21 at Captain Bill's. Priscilla spoke about the new Bay Shore Farmers Market Bounty on the Bay. The Farmers Market is held every Friday from 2 PM to 7 PM at the Band Shell on Main Street until September 23. Priscilla also announced that John J. Wahlberg would be honored by the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Bay Shore at its 16th annual Bay Shore-Brightwaters Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner at Captain Bill's on May 26. Joe reported that the expenses were \$903 and income was \$1,147. JoAnn reported that current membership is 242. Kelly read the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Maryann and enjoyed cake to celebrate.

Special guests for the night were Gail Resnikoff, Director of Planned Giving and Becky Barnes Davidson, Manager of Consumer Outreach and Graduate Support from Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Yorktown Heights, NY. Becky's guide dog, Lawson, joined them. Guiding Eyes provides guide dogs to the blind or visually impaired as well as children with autism. The cost to produce a guide dog is over \$50,000. The average length of service of a guide dog is 7 to 9 years. Gail and Becky described the 'Journey' a dog takes from being a puppy to a guide dog. They discussed breeding, whelping, training, socialization, raising by foster family, working dogs and retired dogs. They also spoke out their new Canine Development Center. Guiding Eyes services are made possible because of donations by individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations.

Barry thanked Gail and Becky for their presentation.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Zebro