

This is a new effort to improve communication between Council and the Community; it goes two ways--please give Council the benefit of your input!

Other "reporters" are invited to take a turn covering a Council meeting. More voices will provide more viewpoints and broader perspective! As more of us take part, the more harmonious the relationship between Council and the Community should become. Many hands make light work, so if you would like to be a Pebble reporter, please contact me at alert@epix.net

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Council Highlights from The Pebble Communicator
New Council Holds Yearly First Meeting
By Gimone Hall

At its first meeting since elections, Pebble Hill's Council elected all its officers unanimously: Linda Lang as president, Ann Brentano as vice president, and Mary Taylor, for a second term as secretary. Jim McGowan, the current treasurer, was named to an additional a three-year term.

During an energetic meeting, Council graciously welcomed the Pebble Communicator, a new effort keep the Community informed about Council doings. Council is taking other steps to keep us all in the loop. Its meeting agenda will be published in the bulletin the Sunday before the Wednesday meeting. It won't be the final agenda, but it will give a good idea of what's happening.. And, every week we will get a financial update in the bulletin. That means we can see when we're falling a little behind and it's easy to fix. No more sudden, rafter-rattling crises! Approval was given to Chris LaRue's suggestion to include good financial news as well. For the six-month period ending Sept 30, we experienced a shortfall of \$5,830. (We were paying on the ministerial package during all this period.)

Art Gallery— This year, the gallery showcased the work of 8 Pebble members and Pebble's kids. In November, 35 people will participate in the Open Fences Project made from pieces of Susan Manning's fence! Next year Gretchen Altabef intends to move gallery openings from first Friday to third Friday, hoping attendance will increase without the competition from Doylestown's First Friday.

Clay Art—Gretchen proposed placing the clay art pieces removed from the staircase wall in the Yellow Barn during remodeling on 4 columns of the Red Barn. Council declined to make a decision, regarding it a matter of property to be taken up with Carolyn Penta.

Scorpio Party--The gallery will sponsor a fundraiser, a potluck meal with music, on Nov.10. Everyone is invited. Gretchen Altabef will coordinate.

Peace and Social Justice—Get aboard the Peace Train right here in Doylestown on Saturday Oct 27 for a huge regional peace rally (one of 11 across the country)! PSJ is working to form a group to go together. Talk to Andy Wright.

Camp –We will not hold camp at Paradox Lake next summer (The Camp Committee is scouting for a new camp, maybe closer. If you have suggestions, give Nancy Hesch or Nancy Meehan a call.)

Youth Program— Ashley and Gus have left, so we are now without a youth program. There are no leaders and very few children are coming. Ann Brentano has some ideas, and as Celebration Coordinator, Larry Hall will help work out a solution.

Office Administrator: Nancy Meehan will continue on a volunteer basis for another month to save money. After that, the position, about eight hours a week, will be filled as soon as possible. Sunday Bulletin deadline is Thursday evening, contact Nancy.

Celebration Coordinator's Salary: Council expressed interest in restoring at least part of the two pay cuts Larry Hall took during Steph's tenure. Jim McGowan is going to develop a new budget and will explore how much can be reinstated, with back pay possible.

Cleaning Bids— We've received two bids on cleaning. We will get more bids and decide whether the Bences' rate is competitive. Weekly cleaning will not be interrupted.

Yellow Barn—New member Jeff Padawer needs some help painting the Yellow Barn its new sunshiny shade. Can you climb a ladder and wield a brush? Email jeff@paintchurch.info

Visitors and New Members—Nancy Hesch, Nancy Meehan, Larry Hall and Jeff P. will create an updated members' packet. Jim McGowan pointed out that we had seven visitors last Sunday and made a plea for everyone to talk to new members and visitors and make them feel included! A committee will be formed to help with this.

October Events- Two great successes were acknowledged. Karen Hakun and Gary Culp created community fun and funds. Carolyn Penta now has a PHC Event Checklist to help ease your task as you plan your next happening.