

BARNSTABLE NEWCOMERS CLUB
Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2019

Tonight's meeting was called to order by Joanne and Michael O'Connell, Co-Presidents at 7:20 PM following a refreshment gathering which began at 7:00 PM. Highlights of the meeting:

Minutes from November Meeting –It was moved and seconded that minutes be accepted as submitted. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Current balance - \$2693.90. Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor

Membership – Approximately 50 members and 4 potential members were in attendance.

A 50/50 raffle was held, which raised \$40 for the Club.

Club support activity coordinators and current officers were recognized.

Club activities since our last general meeting in November were recapped, including the Holiday Celebration at the West End Restaurant and Cape Cod Symphony and a field trip to the Whydah Pirate Museum with lunch at Captain Parkers.

Upcoming events were discussed including:

- Annual "Dine Out" at Alberto's Restaurant on 4/10/19. Those interested in attending should complete a sign up sheet on the barnstablenewcomers.com website. The deadline for sign up is 4/6.
- A sign up sheet was passed around for those interested in attending a performance of "She Loves Me" at Eventide Theater in May. An email will be sent out to members once a date is set.
- It was announced that, after a one-year hiatus, BNC's Crazy Whist/Pot Luck Event will resume in October, thanks to Helen and Stephen Briggs, who volunteered to be coordinators. They will be looking for members to pitch in to help bring back this fun event.
- Coordinators are needed for the following activities: Cooking Club, ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out), Day Trippers, Dine-In, Cribbage, and Biking. Any members who would like to volunteer to coordinate any of these activities, please contact Michael (occonnell49@yahoo.com).

Nominations for Club Officers for 2019-2020 were entered as follows:

President - Charlie Sroczynski

Vice President - open

Secretary - Bette Silva

Treasurer - Sue Powers

Membership - Helen and Stephen Briggs

Anyone interested in the position of Vice President, please contact Michael.

Speakers:

- 1) JR Mell, a representative from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands spoke briefly about the work of this organization and encouraged any BNC members interested in volunteering to contact the organization at www.capebig.org
- 2) Featured speaker: Attorney Charles Case Jr., Principal Attorney, Case Estate and Elder Law, PC, of Centerville. Attorney Case gave a very informative talk about trusts, elder law, wills, health care proxy, power of attorney, and other aspects of Estate Planning. He told stories to illustrate examples of how complex these issues can be and encouraged members to seek professional advice in planning for these critical matters. A Question and Answer session followed.

The next monthly BNC meeting will be held April 17, 2019. The guest speaker will be Janet Milkman from the Barnstable Land Trust.

Special thanks to BNC member Terry McElligott for taking notes in Secretary Bette Silva's absence.

Respectively Submitted,
Joanne O'Connell