

## **SLOBs General Meeting MINUTES - DRAFT**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2:30 pm  
NCHS Cafeteria

### *Board Members Present:*

*Ryan Barnard, Teddy Goetz, Teddy Whittaker, Quentin Pearl, Bradley Werneburg, Stuart Hellman, Matthew Riley, Jackson Reiss, Johann Wrede, Trifan MacIntire, Feliz Austin.*

### *Board Members Absent:*

*Griffin Bramwit, Ryan Leahy, Zach Santiago, Dylan Prior, Brooks Wunderlich, Ryan Little.*

*Meeting called to order at 2:40pm*

### **I. Co-Presidents: Ryan Barnard & Griffin Bramwit**

- *SLOBs Year End Survey: if everyone could take 5 minutes to scan the QR Code and provide feedback in the survey.*

### **II. Secretary: Ryan Leahy (Teddy Goetz for Ryan Leahy)**

- *Approved January 20 and March 23 General Meeting Minutes*
  - ☰ **SLOBs General Board Meeting MINUTES - 1/20/24 APPROVED**
  - ☰ **SLOBs General Board Meeting MINUTES - 3/23/24 APPROVED**

### **III. Meeting Coordinator: Teddy Whittaker**

- *Introduced April 27 General Meeting Speakers: Rev John Kennedy and First Selectwoman Dionna Carlson.*
  - *Reverend John Kennedy from St. Mark's: He grew up in New Canaan and graduated from NCHS. Attended Berklee School of Music and then Yale Divinity School and is now back in New Canaan serving at St. Mark's. He was struck by the SLOBs article that talked about how doing volunteer service with your peers and parents is an alternative to being glued to your phone all the time with social media. This made him think of Jesus who also lived an alternative way as the original proponent of Servant Leadership. Of course May Fair is coming and a perfect opportunity to serve. This will be the 75th anniversary of May Fair which started in 1949 as a strawberry festival.*
  - *First Selectwoman Dionna Carlson: She has lived here for 27 years, worked at GE Capital, served on BOE for 8 years and is currently the First Selectwoman. She thanked the SLOBs for their community service, emphasizing how volunteers are the engine that make this town run and enrich our community in so many ways. She talked about some of the organizations in New Canaan which are run by volunteers: the Board of Education, the Garden Club, Staying Put, the Town Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Parks and Recs Commission, the Police Commission, EMS, Meals on Wheels, Mead Park Playground, New Canaan Athletic Foundation, New Canaan Land Trust, Waveny Conservancy. We are blessed to live in a community that believes in giving back. Not only are we building a better community but better selves by learning compassion and empathy. Each act of kindness can make a difference.*

**IV. Membership: VP Quentin Pearl & AVP Zachary Santiago**

- *Make sure to get in your hours before May 31—the end of the SLOBs year.*
- *Registration for Membership next year will start on June 1. Any hours after June 1 will count towards next year.*

**V. Philanthropy: VP Dylan Prior, Co-AVPs Stuart Hellmann & Matthew Riley**

- *SLOBs Volunteer Hours Update: Our current total is 2709 hours vs 2603 at this time last year.*
- *Donations for April 27 General Meeting: (1) Domestic Violence Crisis Center and (2) Little Free Pantry of Stamford*
- *Philanthropy Liaison Assignments are currently being confirmed and will continue to be over the next week.*
- *“Highest Volunteer Hours Completed” winners for each grade will be announced on June 1 and those winners will be able to choose a charity to whom SLOBs will donate money.*
- *Liaisons Provided Updates on Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:*
  - *Jonas Hansen (DVCC): Thank you for your donations today.*
  - *Rhys Parry (Red Cross): Blood drive on the 30th.*
  - *Rohan Shenoy (New Canaan Farmers Market): Tent takedown every week.*
  - *Ryan Boulnager (Person to Person): Breakfast food drive & Stamp Out Hunger.*
  - *Finn Arrix (May Fair): Need lot of volunteers. Great way to give back.*
  - *Ryan Shih (NCHS Scholarship Foundation): Need help distributing graduation lawn signs.*
  - *Someone spoke on behalf of Cooper Colthup (New Canaan Land Trust): events coming up.*

**VI. Technology: VP Jackson Reiss & AVP Ryan Little**

- *SLOBs Year End Survey: Reminder to fill out the survey before you leave the meeting.*

**VII. Treasurer: Teddy Goetz**

- *Review of budget: Total Revenue is \$8,885. Total Expenses are \$5,645.53. We are required by our By Laws to maintain a \$3000 balance and they will donate the surplus to philanthropies.*

**VIII. Communications: Co-VPs Trifan MacIntire & Johann Wrede**

- *Liaisons with events in May: Please send in photos from your events*
- *Also make sure events are on TIF so that we know what to add to newsletters.*

**IX. Public Relations: Co-VPs Bradley Werneburg & Brooks Wunderlich**

- *Media Update. Thank you to all the liaisons. We doubled the number of followers this year. We are transitioning to new board members in May.*

**X. Parliamentarian: Felix Austin**

- *Proposed 2024-2025 Board Members Slate Approved*

**Closing: Co-Presidents Ryan Barnard & Griffin Bramwit**

- o *Video of this year's highlights (Note: Great video but it was a bit too bright to see the screen. Maybe turn off lights next year?)*
- o *Ice Cream*

*Meeting Adjourned at 3:14pm*