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This year, I would like to take a page from what is happening in pro sports more and more.  Players are getting paid *not for what they did* but what the owners/GM's think they *WILL DO*.  Historically the SBPOA has had a candidates night.  We will again this year. Due to the fact that many members of our association cannot attend that evening, I will  send an email to each candidate with questions concerning issues that our members feel important to governing South Bethany. I would like your input on specific issues you would like to have answers on.  I will (try) to keep the questions focused and will add the general questions about budget, funding, taxes, major projects like road repair, flooding etc.  I would hope all the candidates will respond and I will publish the responses here and on the website before our candidates night.  We will know who is running on 4/11....I understand there will be an election as no seat is uncontested...if any of you has any thought of running you must enter by 4:30 that day.  Get your questions into me ASAP and I will co-ordinate distribution form there.  VOTE----YOU ALL CAN!!!!!!!!  **Meeting was started at 1PM and Joe Mormando introduced the current Board members:**   * Sharon Polansky:  VP Communications * Barbara Derr:  VP Membership * Glenda Case:  Treasurer * Bill Lenz: VP of Neighborhood Watch was not present for personal reasons but summarized the NW season and is attached here.   **Glenda Case presented the YTD Financials and reported that we were tracking to the Budget.  I will send out under separate cover the summary page later this week.**    **Joe Mormando reviewed the website progress.  Listed here are the main points:**   * Currently all paid members have been transferred into the membership database of the site * The site is expected to go live late April with the following features:   + Members will be assigned a login name and will choose their own password to login to the program/site   + This will allow members to update their contact info and have access to the "FORUM" and start posts and conversations on any topic they chose to bring to the Property Owners attention.  This can be used for public comment on Town happenings and government.   + Only Members will have access to contact info of other members.   + An App is being built to allow members easy mobile access to the site.   **Bull Roast:  A discussion was held as to the timing of the Bull Roast event.  A motion was submitted and passed unanimously that the Bull Roast should be held after the summer season in late  September.  Saturday 9-23 has been targeted as it is in between the Jewish holidays.  This timing also keeps in concert with the owners request of having events in the late fall.**    **Joe Mormando asked once again for volunteers to head up and manage the Bull Roast....none forthcoming at the point.  So.....I"M ASKING AGAIN!!!**    **Joe Conway discussed the SBPOA sponsored Boat Parade on July 4th.**   * I will provide a write up by Joe in a future email as well as post details on the website. * Joe also discussed submitting a Marine Safety section to be posted on our website...approved and we will await Joe's submission. * Joe also is looking for volunteers to help with the Parade as well as some other activities such as a Fishing Contest and Kayak races ----- details to follow! * *Not related to the Boat parade but discussed at the Planning Meeting this week was a formation of a Beach Access Committee that Council needs to approve but would work with DNREC to improve beach access--which again keeps in concert with the Property Owners survey data that two items that the TC needs to focus on(Canal Water Quality being the second)*   **There was a brief discussion of the Town's 50th anniversary event to be held next year.  POA would like to be involved in some way to help with, and promote the event.**    **The last item, which was not an original agenda item but evolved into a very spirited discussion related to the timing and content of both Town Council and Town Council Workshop meetings.  A motion was proposed for SBPOA to write a letter to the Town Council highlighting two specific requests surrounding the timing and content of the meetings:**   * Town Council Workshop meetings:  it was proposed that these meetings be held at a time convenient to TC members and not allow public comment. This would allow TC "to get some work done" without interruption,  The caveat is that **NO VOTING** on any issue take place during those meetings.  These are truly Workshop meetings not policy or open forums.  Hopefully this will allow TC to be more efficient and productive during these times. * Town Council meetings:  It was felt at the meeting that the change in time to Friday at 2PM did not take into account those owners who are part-time residents and those that are working.  As a part time resident myself, getting here mid afternoon is difficult traveling 3-4 hours and arranging work schedules to attend and report on the content.  Something I cannot do for the 4/13 meeting.  I know the meetings were lightly attended at the Friday night time of 7PM and that many residents thought it was interrupting a night for family and social activities.  I know that 7PM is an inconvenient time for TC members to meet and work on important issue's of the town especially when there isn't a large turnout for the meeting by the public.  I do think there is a compromise that might be reached --- change the time to 4PM or 5 PM so that more people might attend and not interfere with Prime Time.  Is another day more conducive to gaining more involvement? I am not sure but it is something to think about. * A motion was put forth and passed unanimously that a letter will be written to TC requesting both changes to the meeting structure, which I will do and publish here in the coming days.   Please see the attached submission by Bill Lenz by clicking on the link:    [NW Update Bill Lenz](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Xq93uEhWLl_CxdXg8_sGJ3A9MvDDDu8FCxVp41gb1YH4xq_5WTeDXcDZ-sSl85LEmqREM4lRGKbNZBLRV1Rj5v3OvAEHZIk7oTX0f5XLJzjepuxIQzv_eogaeUWTo_8txIg7Zo-7cpTE3khRkNRrqOx0jUcqnKOiSs0zS0mtwMDjVTfu419mC12evCaRU4t_GsFeYaix-4AKfLp4bHcWy3T58QVtLwPPPvpnPZ-wEOM2nbd6ycIHA3aVlAbG_-Hq&c=EiNmvBwNsK1LQYr1xaDmuDiDUcJQga8YnDplBa_5EtBfQ4hW6SgeWw==&ch=oZ4e5o9TolPyXzgS8g2w44r6MNKHEYUQ2viE_f49wb3RM-zsDbizPw==)  Respectfully submitted,  Joe Mormando  President SBPOA 311 West 3rd [jmsbpoa2017@gmail.com](mailto:jmsbpoa2017@gmail.com) | |

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