

BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Board of Directors  
Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association  
Queens, N.Y.



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Board of Directors Meetings  
April 1957 -



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLEROSE  
COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION HELD AT 8448 251st Street on April 30, 1957

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayden at 8:30 P. M. Those present were Mrs. Ripley, Messers Hayden, Brandi, Ehling, Hennessy and Schneider.

The slate to be presented to the meeting was discussed. The slate to be Mr. James Brandi, president

Mrs. Michael Fallon, vice president

Mr. Val Laur, treasurer

Mr. George Calfo, corresponding secretary

Mr. Melvin Ripley, financial secretary and

Mrs. Melvin Ripley, recording secretary

The board of directors for 2 year terms -

Earl Barton, Louis Cook, Waldron Hennessy, and Joseph Mitchell

The board of directors for 1 year terms -

Philip Loria, Sam Schneider, ~~John~~ Ehling and Fred Falteisek

Ralph Hayden to go in as past president.

There was much discussion of the problem of intergration in the schools.

An auditing committee of Messers Ehling, Hennessy and Schneider ~~was~~ was appointed.

It was decided to push for a subway which we need for it will take 10 to 20 years to get it.

It was decided to hold a general meeting on May 14th at P. S. 133 and that if there was no opposition to the slate to omit the June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alma S. Ripley*  
Rec. Sec.



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES AT 8448 251st Street on August 12, 1957

Those present were Mrs. Fallon and Ripley, Messers Brandi, Ehling, Calfo, Laur and Schneider.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Laur read the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Brandi said that a letter was sent to Mr. Jansen about Intergration asking that Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Ehling be allowed to speak.

A flier is to be sent out on the Picnic and Dance.

A picnic meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 26th.

John Ehling gave a report on Intergration. He recommended that we all write to Mayor Wagner protesting Anti Bias Bill.

A letter is to be written in support of Dr. Jansen's report.

~~Exhibit~~

On motion of John Ehling, seconded by Sam Schneider, \$ 5. was voted to the Special Committee on Preservation of Neighborhood Schools.

It was suggested that we give a neighborhood square dance in P. S. 133 with Mr. George Bauer running it. It was approved and Mrs. Ripley was asked to contact Mr. Bauer.

It was suggested that members get information on movie programs for meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alma S. Ripley*  
Rec. Sec.



Meeting of the Bd of Directors of the  
B.C.C.A. Held Feb. 11, 1958 at 8448-25th

The minutes of the August meeting  
were read and approved. Those present  
were Mrs. Rayle and Ripley - Messrs  
Brandi, Calfo, Schneider, ~~Henneman~~,  
Faltersick, and Ripley.

Mr. Brandi read letter acknowledging  
\$5 donation from Committee on  
neighborhood schools and financial  
report from them announcing  
that the Committee would no longer  
be active because of death and  
illness of leaders.

Mr. Brandi read letter from Father  
Reynolds stating that he understood  
position of the Civic Association  
in not contributing to play ground  
at St. Gregory's.

Sam Schneider read letter about  
traffic from resident of 242<sup>nd</sup> St.  
which was referred to E. Queens Civic  
Traffic Committee.

The tax assessment figures were



discussed ~~after~~

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Alma S. Depley



Minutes of the Meeting of the Bd of Directors  
of the B. C. C. A. held at 8448 257<sup>th</sup> St  
on May 6, 1958 at 8:15 P. M.

Those present were Mrs. Fallon &  
Ripley and Messrs Brande, Cook, Loria,  
Ehling, Hayden, Barton, Lauer, & Ripley.  
Mr. Brande appointed Messrs Ehling  
and Hennessy to serve on Auditing  
Committee.

Mr. Brande appointed Mr. Cook  
Chairman and Messrs. Lauer &  
Loria on the Nominating Committee.

If no nominations are made from  
floor at General Meeting, elections  
will be held same night, otherwise  
another meeting will be called.

Mr. Brande ~~then~~ read a letter about  
electing the Civic Queen of Queens.  
Our Association will elect a  
Contestant. Mrs. Fallon to serve as  
Chairman.



A recommendation was made  
that we write to Traffic Dept.  
recommending that 85th Rd and  
85th Ave. be made one way  
streets going West from Commonwealth  
to Parkway.

Mr. Faltersek was appointed Chairman  
of Installation.

A letter of Commendation was  
to be sent to Sanitation Dept.  
for good service and also to ask  
for 1100 Cards to insert in our  
Monthly notice.

The Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
A.R.



Meeting - June 10 -

Present - Fallon & Ripley - Loria  
Faltusik, Barton & Brande  
Minutes read & approved

Picnic to be held at Creedmore  
but no free Frankfurters -

Saturday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

Set up 3 meeting dates - Nov

Feb & May -

Beauty Contest - No age limit  
over 16 - \$25 bond to winner

Ethel Fallon - chairman

\$50 - Installation expense

meeting day 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cook & Loria - Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

E. Q. Civic Council - Installation

15 to attend

Fred Faltusik Alternate



Present - Fallon - Polster  
Ripley - Ritter - Hennessy -  
Nichols - Artiz, Louis - Gibson  
Laur -

Letters - James Felt on young  
Civic Council - Beauty Crowing  
Catch basin cleaning  
Ernest Newfield - Queens Blvd  
treasures report - \$50 balance  
Membership Cards distributed  
Fitzpatrick had wrong date  
Ethel - E.Q.C.C. - Candidates  
night -

Polster moved. Hennessy  
seconded - 2 tickets for  
dinner for Crowing queen  
Letter asking for more Q.F. 3's  
Catch basin cleaned



Minutes of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association

A board-meeting of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association was held on Tuesday, October 6, 1959, at the home of Mr. Ritter. The meeting was called to order at 9 P.M. Those attending were Mrs. Fallon, Mrs. Postler, Mr. Brandi, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hennessy, Mr. Lorio, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Schneider.

A report was made by Mrs. Fallon on the suit filed by this association on the 1959 city taxes. It was rejected and we were advised to file individual suits. An appeal was made and we are waiting for a decision.

Mr. Schneider gave a report on a meeting with Mr. Tucker, of the library committee, attended by Mr. Schneider, Mr. Brandi, Mrs. Fallon, Mrs. Laur. The results of that meeting gave us this information:

Three other neighborhoods have a priority over Bellerose. We'd need a population of 25,000 and a proposed site that does not overlap the location of other existing libraries.

Mr. Hennessy promised to look into the situation.

It was decided that definite meetings of this Civic Association would be held in November, February and June.

*(alternates)*  
Delegates for the preceeding year are unable to attend Eastern Queens Civic Association meetings. Mr. Lorio, Mr. Hennessy, and Mr. Schneider were appointed in their place.

A dance for the members of this association will take place on Saturday Evening, December 5th, at Koenig's Restaurant. The admission will be \$2.50 per person. Beer will be served.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fallon, seconded by Mr. Schneider that money be advanced for expenses of the dance. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Brandi, that tickets for a dinner dance, to crown the Queens Civic Queen, be purchased by the Bellerose Civic Association. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Bertha Postler  
ack.  
per tem



Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Bellerose Commonwealth Civic  
Association held on Tuesday evening,  
February 9, 1960 at 8448 251st St.

The meeting was called to order by Mr.  
Ritter at 8:50 P.M. Those present were  
Messrs Fallon, Postler, Ripley, Messrs  
Ritter, Hennessy, Schneider, Nichols, Barton,  
Brandi, Cook and Laris.

The minutes of the October meeting were  
read and approved <sup>approximately</sup> \$135 - on

Mr. Nichols reported a profit of \$135 - on  
the Dec. 5th dance. A vote of thanks was  
given the chairman.  
It was decided to hold the General Meeting  
on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Brandi reported that \$5 was sent  
to Eastern Queens Civic Council for Legal  
Expenses. It was moved and seconded by  
Mrs. Fallon and Mr. Cook that we pay this  
item.  
Mr. Schneider reported on the Library



Mr. Tucker's report was true. of the 286 families surveyed there were 489 library cards. Mr. Brandi recommended that the Library Committee be a continuing project. Agreed.

Mrs. Fallon moved - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandi that we purchase Green book - Mr Cook will get it. <sup>a letter was sent to</sup> Mr. Brandi reported that Mr. Levette about holes and that he had a letter from Cloney. Meeting notice to ask for holes to be reported to Mrs. Pastler.

Tax report - no change in assessments Eastern Queens had no news on assessments. On Correspondence it was decided to table letter on Community Council.

Much discussion on L. I. Railroad spur - Mr Cook suggested a letter to Mr Cloney about storage tracks in residential neighborhood. A speaker would be invited to meeting.

There was much discussion on honoring black Captains. Mr. Hennessey was made Chairman to decide ways



He would also look into deals for members,  
a dance to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
was discussed. Harold Nichols was to  
get figures.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Alma S. Repley



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION HELD AT  
86-17 COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD ON APRIL 5, 1960.

The meeting was called to order by Ethel Fallon at 8:50 P.M. Those present were Mrs. Fallon, Mrs. Postler, Messers Brandi, Faltiesek, Hennessy, Nichols, Ortiz, and Schneider.

The minutes of the February meeting, read by Bertha Postler in the absence of Mrs. Ripley, were approved.

Dues were discussed. A decision was reached that bills were to be sent out as soon as possible to members who were delinquent in their dues.

Answers to correspondence on the run around track were read. There were letters from J.E. Solarski, Deputy Chief Engineer and F. Aikman, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Long Island Rail Road, and from John T. Clancy. The letters stated that the track will be located South of the present spur, that there will be no freight car storage and trains will run only three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9 A.M. and 12 noon.

Mrs. Fallon reported a proposed zone change in which we will be R2, to go up for action by the Board of Estimate.

This Board of Directors will recommend that we are in favor of R2 zoning.

Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Falteisek were appointed to the auditing committee.

It was recommended that the Installation Dinner be combined with an affair for the block captains.

It was decided there would be no picnic this year because it has turned into an affair attended only by children. The original intention of the picnic was that it would be a family affair.

Mrs. Fallon promised to find out the attitude of other Civic Associations on the Annual Beauty Contest before it is decided whether or not this association will enter this year.

The motion was made by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Schneider, and carried, that in lieu of flowers, the sum of \$10 be sent to the hospital at which Mr Cook's father was treated, in his memory.

Mr. Schneider will try to set up a meeting with Mr. Louis Wallach and the library committee.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION HELD AT 244-39  
86th ROAD ON MAY 24, 1960.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ritter at 9 P.M. Those present were Mrs. Fallon, Mrs. Postler, Messers. Brandi, Faltiesek, Laur, Lorio, Nichols, Ortiz, Ritter, and Schneider.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Faltiesek was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

A combination Installation and affair for Block Captains was discussed. The Committee is to arrange for such an affair to take place in September.

The date for the 25th Anniversary Dance has been tentatively set for some time in October. Prices for this affair are to be investigated.

A motion was made by Mr. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Ortiz, that we purchase a trans file for the purpose of storing association records. The motion was carried. This file is to be kept by the Corresponding Secretary. Mr. Faltiesek will inquire as to prices.

Letters to the Traffic Department requesting stop signs on 87th Road and to the Borough President and the Planning Commission on our stand on proposed zoning changes, were read by Mrs. Postler.

Mr. Brandi will investigate if it is possible to purchase one page of the volume on maps of different sections of the city. This page would be of the Bellerose area.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.



MINUTES OF THE BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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A report was made by Mrs. Fallon on the suit filed by this association on the 1959 City taxes. It was rejected and we were advised to file individual suits. An appeal was made and we are waiting for a decision.

Mr. Schneider gave a report on a meeting with Mr. Tucker of the library committee attended by Mr. Schneider, Mr. Brandi, Mrs. Fallon and Mrs. Laur. The results of that meeting gave us the information that three other neighborhoods had a priority over Bellerose and that we'd need a 25,000 population and a proposed site that does not overlap the location of other existing libraries. Mr. Hennessy promised to look into the situation.

It was decided that definite meetings of this association would be held in November, February and June and any other special meetings that might be necessary.

Delegates for preceeding year are unable to attend Eastern Queens Civic Association. Mr. Lorio, Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Schneider were appointed in their place.

A dance for the members of this association will take place on Sat. Dec. 5, at Koenigs Resturant. The admisson will be \$2.50 per person. Beer will be served.

A motion was made by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Mr. Brandi, that tickets for a dinner dance, to crown the Queens Civic Queen, be purchased by the



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Bellerose Civic Association. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fallon, seconded by Mr. Schneider that money be advanced for expenses of the dance. Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.



Bd. Meeting of the B.C.C.A. held  
8448 25/26 St. - Jan. 20, 1961

Those present were Mesdames  
Fallon, Pottler and Ripley, Messrs  
Ritter, Hennessy, Schneider, Brand  
Nichols, Ortiz Gibson  
The minutes of the October meeting  
were read.

Mr. Law sent word that the  
balance was the same - \$50.00.  
Mr. Brandi asked that the Boy  
Scouts be sent their regular check  
also the Y. M. C. A. and Girl Scouts.  
On motion by Mr. Hennessy, and  
by Mr. Brandi it was decided  
to pay Mrs. Ripley \$20 travelling  
expenses for 1960 and 1961 for  
obtaining tax assessments.



It was decided to have a General  
Meeting at the school on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>  
if possible and a board meeting  
on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Fettesick  
are to audit the Treasurers books.

Mr. Schnedder asked that we  
write a letter about snow  
clearance for future snows, also  
about foul odor of sewer  
excavations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P<sup>M</sup>

Res. sub,

Alma J. Ripley



Meeting - April 20, 1961

Present - Fallon - Ripley  
Rittler - Brandi, Loria, Law -  
Gibson

Letter from Clancy inviting to  
serve dedication -

Answers by Mrs. Fallon protesting

Letter from 2 County Dental Soc  
about Fluoridation - No action

Server assessments should be  
watched -

If there are no objection Nom  
& Elections to be held at May Meeting

Tues. May 23 -

Nom - Committee - Chair - Gibson  
Brandi - Gibson

~~Atty - Schneider - Faltersick~~ Synior

E. Q. Civic - Brandi



Fallon moved -

Strongly recommend a  
Queens Civic Worker as member  
of Charter Committee - and  
should ~~include 3 more~~  
have greater representation  
based on population, not  
real estate valuation -

Brandi reported on E. Q. Civic

Gibson - Leave 2 - reimburse

Brandi & Fallon

Brandi moved - Committee  
looked into dance -

Bd Meeting - Tues. May 9 -



Meeting 5/9/61

Present Fallon Ripley Ritter

Hennessey - Gibson Brandt

Nichols - Schneider -

Meeting at Ropers

Letters to Wagner about Repres.

on Charters and to Traffic Dept

about stop lights to City line

Nichols  
Light should be on Hillside

at Parkway -

Tom Com - No report -

Installation dinner -

Schneider - Chair - P. Z. Adame  
Moved - Fallon 2nd Hennessey -



Dance -

2/9/21

Meeting

Present - Follen, Tupper, Little

Heavenly - Gibson, Brown

Thinks - remembered -

Meeting at Tupper

Letters to Wagoner about repairs

on Charter and to Traffic Dept

about stop lights to City

Thinks - light should be on Hillside

at Parkman -

Have Com - No report -

Hotelation dinner -

Remembered - Chair - P. Stobbe

Moved - Follen 2 - Heaven



Meeting of the Bd of Directors of the  
B. C. C. C. held ~~at 844.8~~ 1

at 844.8 251 St.

Those present were Mesdames  
Fallon, Postler and Ripley  
Messers Ritter, Hennessy, Nichols  
Artiz, Lorio, Gibson, Lauer and  
Schneider.

Letters were read by Mrs. Postler  
from James Felt on Zoning,  
E. Q. Civic Council Beauty Contest  
and Catch Basin Cleaning and  
from Ernest Newfeld about  
Queens Blvd.

Val Lauer reported a balance  
of \$50<sup>00</sup> in the Treasury.

Membership Cards were distributed  
to those present.

Mrs. Fallon reported that Mr.



Fitzpatrick had the wrong date  
for the Installation and that was  
why he didn't get there. She  
also reported on the Eastern  
Civic Council Candidates night.  
A motion by Mrs Pastler, seconded  
by Mr. Hennessy that we buy  
2 tickets for dinner for Crown  
~~Queen~~ Beauty Queen.  
Letters were to be written  
asking for more Q 43 buses  
and to have Catch basin cleaned.  
A Permit would be applied  
for for either the 14 or 15 of  
November for Civic Meeting.  
There was much discussion  
about Collecting dues and a dinner  
dance - no decision.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.  
Respectfully submitted  
Alma S Riple



MINUTES OF MEETING OF BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
at 244-31 86 Road on Oct. 10, 1961

|                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Present: James McCarthy, Pres. | Val Laur, Bd. Member |
| Theodore Ritter, V. Pres.      | James Brandi, "      |
| Harold Nichols, Fin. Secy.     | Sam Schneider "      |
| Philip Lorie, Treas.           | Peter Orti, "        |
| Richard Gibson, Corres. "      | Ethel Fallon "       |
| Lillian McCarthy, Rec. "       |                      |

Meeting was opened at 8:45 with the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and carried that the current dues be paid to the Eastern Queens Council. Mrs. Fallon stated that the list of delegates to the Eastern Queens Council was to be sent to them for their records by Pres. McCarthy.

Mrs. Fallon then opened the discussion re school children being brought from other towns to P. S. 133. She said that there were already three busloads being brought in. The question of how to combat this was then discussed. Mrs. Fallon said the the cost of transportation should be considered and that it should be determined whether or not the children of our community were studying under crowded conditions or at irregular hours. Mr. Laur stressed the importance of strength of membership in the Civic Assoc. to combat any threats to our area. This led to the question of small attendance at our meetings and the possible remedies.

Mr. Schneider suggested that a check be made of those Civic associations having a large attendance and to determine what made their meetings well-attended. Mrs. Fallon cited cases of those that are not well-attended and said that there were even those that were collapsing if they had not already done so. Mr. Nichols spoke about the use of flyers to publicize the activities of the Assoc. and to invite complaints as well as to list the actions being taken by the Assoc.

Discussion then centered around the erection of a gas station on Hillside Avenue and 253 rd Street. Mr. McCarthy spoke of late September meeting of those directly affected by the erection of the station. He said that he was reluctant, at that time, to pledge any money to fight the construction because some of our own people were in favor of it. Mr. Ritter said that it was better than the present empty lot that was being used as a garbage dump or better than an apartment house of the type that was already in the neighborhood. It was generally felt that we should not take sides against our own members that were in favor of it and the discussion was dropped.

Mr. Nichols was then given the floor to discuss the Fall Dance. He said that the dance was to be held at Koenig's in Floral Park on Friday evening, Nov. 17. He mentioned that a dance was to be held the following evening at St. Gregory's and that he feared that the attendance at the Civic Assoc. Dance would suffer. Mrs. Fallon questioned the time element in regard to printing tickets. Mr. Nichols stated that he'd like to employ Mr. Begley for the printing job and that we could combine the ticket selling and dues collection. He also said that he would like to restrict the dance attendance to members and friends and to exclude outsiders and that he felt that no tickets should be sold at the door so that we'd eliminate trouble-makers.



Mr. Laur said that the dance was a good way to get members together and then suggested that the officers and board members set aside 3 hours on a Saturday to collect dues and sell tickets. He said that he and Mr. Nichols could make a test run to see how much territory they could cover in a few hours. Mr. Brandi felt that we should not fall back to earlier methods and that we should use block captains. Mr. Laur felt that we should lay the groundwork with this method first and Mr. Nichols said that he was anxious to get a complete picture of the membership possibilities of the area.

After further discussion, all were in favor of the Fall Dance being held on Nov. 17 and it was decided that a flyer would be distributed, and sheets bearing the names and addresses of Civic Assoc. members were to be distributed to the officers. The officers were to list on these sheets the various reactions of the members as they went from house to house to collect dues and to sell tickets to the Dance. It was also suggested that an attempt be made to interest the members in becoming Block Captains. Mr. Nichols was to have these sheets and dues cards and dance tickets ready for the officers who were to call for them at his home the following Saturday.

A General meeting was to be held before the dance at P.S. 133, possibly on Wed., Nov. 1st or Thurs., Nov. 2nd. A request to be made for the basement lunchroom.

It was stressed that when a group of Block Captains were once again associated with our work, that we, in the future, workout some way of recognition of these Captains.

It was decided that a binder be made to Mr. Koenig for the use of the hall and a motion was made and carried the Dance Committee be advanced \$50 for Dance expenditures.

Mr. McCarthy asked for the Constitution and By-laws for study and for consideration of any revisions. He instructed the Secretary to obtain a copy for him.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ritter and the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M./

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Rec. Secy.



Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Assoc. -Board of ~~Directors~~ Meeting  
held at 84-56 253 St., 1/11/62

Present:

Mr. McCarthy  
Mr. Brandi  
Mr. Hennessy

Mr. Ritter  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Barton

Mr. Lorio  
Mrs. Fallon  
Miss McCarthy

Mr. McCarthy opened the meeting at 8:45. He stated that someone was needed to get the assessed valuations of all the houses in the area since Mrs. Ripley was no longer able to do so. The name of a Mr. Fred Nichols, a man interested in civic affairs, was mentioned in this connection but it was found that he could not care for the matter due to illness. After further discussion, Mr. Harold Nichols volunteered to get the figures if he were given help in the membership drive. Mr. Brandi volunteered to help in that area.

The matter of the sewer assessment was then discussed. Mr. Brandi read excerpts re sewers from Mr. McCarthy's copy of the Boro Presidents Report of 1960. Mr. McCarthy stated that he had called the Boro President's office and had spoken to Mr. Newfell's assistant, Lee Vándis, and had asked what the B. P. could do for us in this matter. He was told that the homeowners would be billed, that the amount was as yet undetermined pending the city assessor's figures, that we could apply for relief after the amount was determined. Possible arguments to be used at that time were then discussed.

The Minutes of the previous Board Meeting were read and accepted.

Then Mr. Nichols was called upon to report on the Dance. He said that 75 tickets had been sold amounting to \$187.50, that expenses had amounted to \$275. 57, leaving a deficit of \$88.07. He had presented the bills to Mr. Lorio with the footnote that the bill for the tickets had included the amount for the printing of the membership dues cards. Mr. Dick Gibson had sent a letter of thanks to Mr. Glitenkamp for donation of door prize.

The membership drive was again discussed. Mr. Nichols suggested five people be put in charge of block captains. The difficulty of obtaining people to serve as block captains again came up. Mr. Brandi suggested using the mails to obtain dues and Mr. Hennessy suggested using a test area to see if this were feasible. Mrs. Fallon stated that delinquents had been billed this way in the past. Mr. McCarthy suggested that we again collect dues at the Feb. General Meeting.

Mr. McCarthy was to try to get the night of February 20th<sup>(Tues.)</sup> for the General Meeting of the Civic Assoc. with the 23rd as second choice.

It was decided that a contribution of \$10 be given to the Community Center via the custodian.

Then the letter from the Eastern Queens Civic Council re meeting and dinner on the night of Jan. 18 was read by Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Brandi suggested that we have representation and a discussion followed re participation in program. Mrs. Fallon moved that we send two delegates. This was seconded and carried.

The names of alternates were given as follows: Mrs. Fallon, Mr. Lorio, Mr. Hennessy.



At this time, Mr. Brandi, on behalf of the Association, made a short speech of appreciation and presented an E Bond to Ms. Ethel Fallon in recognition of her service as President of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association.

Mr. Ritter brought up the matter of the trash-filled lot at 253rd St. and Hillside Avenue. Since nothing had been done to clean the lot, Mrs. Fallon suggested that we write to the Sanitation Dept. and ask for them to clean it up and for the Sanitation Dept. to assess the owner for the work done. Mr. Nichols mentioned another unsightly spot, a small triangle of land on Commonwealth Blvd. It was decided that since the area is city-owned we attempt to have the Park Dept. make it a small memorial park area.

Mr. Ritter made a complaint in regard to the traffic signals on Hillside Ave. Under the present system, traffic moves before pedestrians can complete the crossing. It was also suggested that we again try to have a traffic signal installed on Hillside Avenue at the Cross Island Parkway exit.

Mr. Phil Loria then read the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hennessy suggested selling the G Bonds held by the Association and the purchasing of H Bonds to replace them. Mr. Brandi made the motion and it was seconded. Mr. McCarthy amended the motion to permit the Treasurer to investigate this matter and to see how he could make the transfer, to determine how the Association would benefit from such a transfer and that we then act upon the disposition of the matter at a later date. The Treasurer's report was to be filed for audit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 and there was general approval of a suggestion made by Mr. Brandi that an attempt be made to be prompt for meetings and that future meetings be adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Recording Secy.



BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH  
CIVIC ASSOC.

Board Meeting -Held at 87-02 248th St. on March 6, 1962.

|                         |                   |                    |
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| Present: Mr. H. Nichols | Mr. McCarthy      | Miss McCarthy      |
| Mr. Hennessy            | Mr. Lorio         | <i>Peter Ortiz</i> |
| Mr. Gibson              | Mr. Sam Schneider |                    |

Meeting opened at 8:40.

Mr. Lorio questioned those present as to the disposition of the Bonds held by the Assoc. and all agreed that they be transferred to H Series. A motion was made and carried.

It was decided that Mr. Gibson should send a letter to Mr. Bond re the traffic light problem and another letter to the Park Dept. re the triangle of property at 85th Rd.

In regard to the trash-filled lot at Hillside and 253rd St., it was suggested by Mr. Hennessy that we would leave it to the Sanitation Dept. to take appropriate action.

The sewer assessment was discussed at this time and it was suggested that Mr. McCarthy might get some information and that an article might be submitted to Mr. Begley for the Apr.-May edition of the paper. Mr. Gibson suggested that people might write to him as secretary of the Assoc. Mr. Nichols suggested that any questions could be answered at the next meeting by Mr. McCarthy. It was decided that Mr. McCarthy might get the answers to the following questions: (1) How is the assessment payable? (2) On what basis is said assessment levied? (3) Is there a maximum amount for any property? It was further suggested that nothing be in writing but that it was to be brought up to the Board meeting and a decision to be made as to its presentation at General Meeting.

It was felt that meeting attendance might be improved by having answers to questions that might be published in the Bellerose paper. Suggestions were made to improve attendance in various ways such as the use of speakers, special programs, etc. but the time limit on meetings posed a problem. Mr. Hennessy suggested a revival of the annual picnic. It was suggested that that might be a good topic for the newspaper question, and that any people making a favorable response might be interested in becoming active in the picnic work.

The matter of recognition of block captains was then discussed and Mr. Nichols suggested an inexpensive gift to be presented to them. His suggestion of a telephone book or some such item with an approximate cost of 75¢ to \$1 won approval.

Mr. Nichols spoke of his desire to have a complete record of our community's population and questioned access to the assessment books at Boro Hall. It was said that the books could not be removed from Boro Hall and that they might be consulted there but there was a problem in connection with the time that would be required to do the job.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Secy.



BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH

CIVIC ASSOC.

Board Meeting- April 10, 1962 - 244-31 86 Rd.

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|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Present: Mr. H. Nichols | Mr. Brandi  | Mr. Ritter    | Mr. Hennessy  |
| Mr. McCarthy            | Mrs. Fallon | Mr. Ortiz     | Miss McCarthy |
| Mrs. Simone             | Mr. Lauer   | Mr. Schneider | Mr. Barton    |
| Mr. Lorio               |             |               |               |

Meeting opened at 8:25. Mr. Ritter presiding.

It was stated that the BLDodmobile was to be at the Church of the Incarnation on April 30 and that the people in our area were to be informed. It was suggested that Manor News be used but it was too late to enter the article.

The question once again was brought up about the City Charter and possible amendment to that Charter in regard to our sewer assessment problem. Mr. McCarthy spoke on various phases of the matter and the need for a general vote on the issue in order to obtain an amendment. It was stated that 30,000 signatures would be needed to obtain a vote and that these could not easily be obtained. It was also once again stated that we could not expect much aid from other civic associations <sup>other</sup> ~~the~~ Eastern Queens since some had already been assessed for theirs and that we would get no support from them. Mr. McCarthy spoke of his many efforts to get further information in regard to the assessment, petitions, relief, etc. through contacts with Boro Pres. Clancy, Max Lome's office, Mr. Greenblatt and Mr. Giovanni. <sup>Moscow</sup> It was generally felt that as many as possible should be contacted to enlist their aid. Mr. Hennessy mentioned that he knew Mr. Trulich (?) and Mr. Hennessy was then delegated to contact Mr. Trulich who might at least find out what the mechanics of the problem might be. Reaching B. P. Clancy was again discussed but it was felt that we could accomplish more through the City Council.

The right to installment-paying application was then discussed. Mrs. Fallon said that we were already admitting defeat and that we should not discuss that any further. She had worked up a local petition and she was directed to read the petition. She also had a lengthier one with details which could be given to the executives of our Assoc. for their signatures. It was decided to table these until we had further information from Mr. Trulich. Mr. McCarthy said that he would also sound out Mr. Roper on this matter of assessment in the area.

Mr. McCarthy also spoke about contacting Mr. Roper about use of the real estate office for the next meeting, May 15.

Mr. Nichols then brought up the matter of dues collection. He said that most of those contacted had paid but that there were many who were still not approached about the matter and that lists had been returned to him without action being taken on them. Various ways of contacting the people of the community were discussed and it was finally decided to use a test mailing of the 50 on the lists for whom we had names and addresses.

Meeting adjourned 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Secy.



BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOC.

Minutes of Board Meeting held at President McCarthy's home, <sup>8:30</sup> May 1, 1962, Mr. Ritter presiding.

Present:

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| Mrs. Lucy Simone  | Mr. R. Gibson | Mr. H. Nichols    |
| Mrs. Ethel Fallon | Mr. Brandi    | Mr. P. Ortiz      |
| Pres. McCarthy    | Mr. Hennessy  | Miss McCarthy     |
| Mr. T. Ritter     | Mr. P. Lorio  | Mr. Sam Schneider |

Minutes of previous meeting read and corrected.

Mr. Ritter called upon Mr. Nichols to submit a report on dues collection. Mr. Nichols reported that letters had been sent out to 57 members and that 15 had replied with dues. It was felt, after discussion, that this was not a good percentage and that another method of collection should be pursued. After suggestions had been made, it was finally decided that the Association might seek out a retired person of the community to collect the dues and to pay that person 20% of all money collected. The difficulty in finding someone to do the job was then a matter of discussion and Mrs. Simone volunteered to do the job but said that she would not want 20% but would desire less.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Gibson be allowed to purchase a rubber stamp for meeting notices that he sends out. He was then asked to read the letters in response to those that had been sent out in regard to traffic light on Hillside Ave. and in regard to the rubbish in the empty lots. He read a letter from Mr. Barnes who said that the traffic light was under investigation. In regard to the dumping problem in the lot at 253rd St. and Hillside, the Sanitation Dept. said that it would investigate. It was decided that we follow up on this matter. In answer to a letter to the Park Dept. in regard to the triangle of land on Commonwealth Blvd., they said that they could do nothing because it was privately owned. It was then suggested that we approach the Sanitation Dept. in connection with cleaning this lot as well as 253rd. Mrs. Fallon said we might use the Long Island Press coupons to report lots for clean-up. She also questioned the possibility of acquiring the property. Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Gibson to head up a committee to care for the matter of investigation and Mr. Nichols said that he'd find out who owns the property and get in touch with Mr. Gibson.

It was agreed that it would be in order to have a list of the area, <sup>list of residents</sup> Mr. Hennessy said that a list, by blocks, is available from the Board of Elections for the 9th and 10th Assembly districts. It was moved that the corresponding Secretary be authorized to write for and pay for such lists.

President McCarthy then read a letter from President Clancy in regard to the job of Boro President. Mr. Brandi felt that we should write to Mr. Clancy to state that we are behind him in the retention of the office of Boro President. It was generally felt that we were in danger of being run by disinterested parties of the city government if the office of Boro President were done away with. It was decided that Mr. Ritter bring this matter up at the General Meeting of the Assoc.

The discussion about decals at 10¢ each was closed with the decision to table the matter until the next Board meeting and that in meantime we could better decide on spending money after dues collection.

Mr. Brandi then brought up the matter of the Eastern Queens Dinner-Dance on June 16 at \$6.50, at the Carlyle Restaurant. Motion was made and carried that Mr. McCarthy and his wife go to the Dinner to represent the Assoc. and that Mr. Brandi and his wife go to the Dinner since Mr. Brandi was newly elected president of Eastern Queens and that the Assoc. would care for the purchase of tickets.



. Meeting May 1-Continued

The General meeting to be held on May 15 next came up for discussion and Mr. McCarthy stated that he had called Mr. Millard of Roper's Real Estate office and that it was agreed that we might have the office for our meeting.

Mr. McCarthy then reported further on the tax assessment matter. He spoke of his call to Cy Boyer of the City Council to enlist his support in our assessment problem and asked Giovanni Nissita to try to get Mr. Clancy, the Boro President, to back us in our fight.

Mr. McCarthy then appointed a nominating committee composed of Mr. Hennessy, Chairman, and Mr. Peter Ortiz and Miss McCarthy to obtain nominations for elections at next General Meeting.

Possible dates for the Installation Dinner were mentioned and Mrs. Ethel Fallon was asked to Chair the Dinner Committee with Mr. Lorio as Co-Chairman.

Mr. Gibson was asked to get the flyers printed for the next General Meeting notice.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Recording Secy.



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - BELLEROSE COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOC.  
10/16/62 Held at 84-56 253 St. (Mr. Ritter's home.)

Present:

|                 |                   |              |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Theodore Ritter | Harold Nichols    | Earl Barton  |
| James McCarthy  | Waldron Hennessey | Peter Ortiz  |
| Basil Fiorito   | James Brandi      | Ethel Fallon |
|                 |                   | L. McCarthy  |

Mr. Ritter opened meeting at 8:25 P. M. with matter of the dues collection for the June, 1962 through June, 1963 period. He asked Mr. Nichols for the figures on the 1961-1962 dues collection. Mr. Nichols reported that a total of \$531 had been collected. Of this amount, Mrs. Lucy Simone had collected 168, and was paid a percentage as per agreement at an earlier meeting concerning the collection of dues. Mr. Nichols also stated that a portion of the Community that had been covered by mailing the dues notice had responded well and that the percentage proved that it was better to mail the dues notices. He stated that the cost of mailing was 12¢ per, including envelope, postage, self-addressed envelope, letter and the dues card.

Mr. Brandi suggested a dues increase from the present \$1 to \$1.50 or \$2. He stated that dues had been increased in civic associations elsewhere in Queens.

Mr. Hennessey stated that unless it was needed for expanded work, there was no need to increase the amount in the treasury by larger dues payment. He also stated that that would require the establishment of a pre-determined budget.

President McCarthy and Mr. Nichols both stated that the desire was for larger membership and not for increased dues. All agreed that a larger membership was preferable.

After further discussion, a motion was made and carried that prospective membership be circularized by mail contact for the 1962-1963 dues collection.

Mr. Nichols spoke of his plans to get a complete and correct list of names and addresses of the membership. Mr. Hennessey hoped to get plastic plates on which could be stenciled the names and addresses to facilitate the mailing process.

Motion was made and carried that the Association bring to the attention of the Department of Highways the dangerous conditions at Commonwealth Blvd. and Little Neck Parkway. Mr. Richard Gibson, Corresponding Secy., was to be notified that he was to write to the Dept. of Hwys., copies to Mayor Wagner and Boro President, in regard to the dangerous spot at Commonwealth Blvd. at the Railroad crossing where the road narrows at the other side and where there is no sidewalk and the danger of hitting other cars or pedestrians is very great because the driver cannot see the other side. It was also decided to include in the letter a complaint about the condition at the top of Little Neck Parkway as cars come up the hill from Jericho Turnpike because the drivers cannot see what is at the top of the hill, due to the steep incline. Mr. Gibson was also to send a letter in regard to the poor condition of the streets and Mrs. Fallon submitted a list of specific sites where there were dangerous holes.

Mr. Brandi brought up the matter of delegates and alternates and Mr. McCarthy said that he'd call Mr. Giovanni and submit the names.

After discussion, President McCarthy said that he'd try to get Tuesday, Nov. 13, set for the date of the next General Meeting at the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted,

L. McCarthy



Minutes of Board Meeting at Harold Nicholls' residence on 1/28/63

Meeting opened at 8:30 with quick resume of previous minutes in order to save time.

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| Present: H. Nicholls | President McCarthy | Ted Ritter  |
| Richard Gibson       | B. Florito         | J. Brandi   |
| J. Hennessey         | P. Ortiz           | L. McCarthy |
| Sam Schneider        | Phil Lorio         |             |

Mr. Gibson read letters that he'd written to Mr. Fixit of Long Island Press re the holes in the streets and said that he'd gotten action. Then he read letters to Henry Barnes, Traffic Commissioner, in regard to traffic problems on Hillside Avenue and to the dangerous condition on Commonwealth Boulevard. Mr. Barnes referred the matter of Commonwealth Blvd. to engineering staff and a sign "Hill" was placed on Commonwealth at the railroad hump. Nothing had been done in regard to widening the narrow part of the street, to conform with opposite width on other side of hump. Mr. Barnes had referred the problem of crossing Hillside Avenue during the heavy traffic times and our complaint about the traffic signals to the Director of Signals. According to the survey they made, it was found that the pedestrian has ample time to make the crossing, if not at once, then in two attempts, since he had the center island. Our group disagreed because there have been accidents involving bodily injury. The question of "Stop on Red Signal" signs being installed on Hillside was then discussed. Mr. McCarthy felt we should stress the right-of-way of pedestrians and that we should write again to Mr. Barnes but to leave it to Mr. Barnes to work out but that we insist upon action. Mr. Brandi suggested police action on 85th and 86th Avenues because of the speeding cars creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Gibson said that he'd follow through on that.

Mr. Brandi spoke about the Mass Meeting re the Sewer Assessments to be held at Martin Van Buren High School. The flyers had been distributed by the Boy Scouts and Mr. Brandi suggested a token gift for them as repayment for their efforts. Motion was made and carried that a long-handled axe be purchased, cost not to exceed \$15, and be presented to the Scouts.

Mr. Brandi then spoke of the matter of sewer assessment relief and that the Eastern Queens Council had had a meeting in regard to the matter and an active committee had been pursuing further study in connection therewith. Various suggestions had been offered by our own Board of Directors to be advanced at the Mass Meeting at which time speakers from various civic associations were to be given two minutes each to air their views. Mr. McCarthy was to speak for our association.

Mr. Gibson then mentioned another letter that he'd received from the City in regard to the formation of a Community Planning Board under the new Charter. Names were to be submitted of those who would be representatives from our community. Those to be submitted were: Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Hennessey, Mr. Florito and Mrs. Fallon.

Mr. Harold Nicholls was to survey the tax books and get the new assessed valuations for the next General meeting.

Mr. McCarthy suggested the serving of coffee at the General meetings to spur attendance and it was generally felt that this might be a good idea for the future but that we would not attempt this for the next meeting since that was the meeting that the assessed valuations would be available and at that time we usually have good attendance.

Mtg. ADJOURNED 10:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian McCarthy, Rec. Secy.



Board Meeting of 4/23/63 at President McCarthy's home, 87-02 248th St.

Lack of quorum made it necessary to have a general discussion in place of meeting but eventually those present were:-

Mr. Ted Aitter

Mrs. Ethel Fallon

L. McCarthy

Mr. Harold Nichols

Mr. Dick Gibson

Discussion opened at 9:00P.M. with presentation of bills by Pres. McCarthy. These bills were to cover dues to Eastern Queens Council and also the assessment for the meeting at Martin Van Buren School re sewer assessment. He refused, however, to be assessed for the Eastern Queens dinner. It was decided that the bills for dues and assessment for the meeting be paid subject to ratification at next meeting.

Mr. Nichols stated that since Eastern Queens was to circulate petitions re the sewer assessment that a meeting of the associations concerned should be held about the matter prior to the next regular meeting of Eastern Queens which would be May 20. He was asked by those present to make a call to Mr. Greenblatt. He immediately called and Mr. Greenblatt agreed that a meeting should be called for April 23. Mr. Nichols offered to get Veteran's Hall for the meeting.

Further discussion was had about the assessment and our own participation in an attempt to have the issue placed on the ballot in the next election. This, of course, would necessitate our taking part in the gathering of signatures on petitions as we had done before. Although everyone present admitted he was annoyed at having to go through this again, nevertheless everyone agreed that there was no alternative. Immediate action was necessary to get the job in motion.

A nominating committee was to be chosen to select the slate of officers to be presented at the next regular meeting which was to be the election meeting held at Roper's on Thursday, June 6.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian McCarthy, Rec. Secy.



Minutes for Directors Meeting  
Tuesday - May 14, 1963

- 1- Mr. Gibson made a motion to donate \$5 to the new YMCA building in Queens Village. Mr. Fallon seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- 2- Mr. Nichols made motion authorizing payment of \$25 for the flowers for Mr. Theodore Ritter's funeral. Mrs. Fallon seconded and motion passed unanimously.
- 3- A check for \$7 was drawn to present the ax to Troop <sup>217</sup>~~215~~ of the Boy Scouts in recognition of their services in delivering special flyers.
- 4- Mrs. Fallon made a motion that we pay <sup>Additional</sup> our Association \$20 dues to Eastern Queens Civic Association. Included in the motion is <sup>over</sup> ~~our~~ \$16 share of the costs of the 1962 petition drive. Mr. Gibson seconds. Unanimous approval.
- 5- Mr. Ortey made motion that we pay for two tickets for the Eastern Queens Civic installation dinner for our President and his wife. Cost \$10. Sam Schneider seconded the motion. Unanimous.
- 6- Mrs. Fallon made a motion to authorize the printing of 1963-64 membership cards. Mr. Gibson seconded. Unanimous.
- 7- President McCarthy appointed a nominating committee to propose a slate of officers and members for Board elections at a general meeting Thursday, June 6. The committee consisted of Lucy Fimione and Basil Fiorito as Board Members and Val ~~Taner~~ <sup>Lauer</sup> was recommended as a representative for the membership.
- 8- June 27th was designated as the date of the Installation Dinner and President McCarthy appointed Sam Schneider to make further plans for the dinner. Additional committee members were to be appointed later. Mrs. Fallon moved that \$25 be made available to the committee for deposit on the dinner. Mr. Gibson seconded. Unanimous. The suggested price to be paid per dinner was \$4.00 including one cocktail and gratuities. Mention was made that an invitation should be extended to Mr. Ritter's widow.
- 9- It was noted from the floor that the President must appoint an Auditing Committee to go over the Treasurer's books at year end. President McCarthy assumed responsibility for naming a committee.
- 10- May 28th was suggested as the date for a special petition meeting at the VFW. The committee members for Bellerose Commonwealth area are to be Mrs. Fallon, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Fiorito. All petitions are legal as of May 6th. It was suggested our local petitions be returned by July 1. Mrs. Fallon reported that Eastern Queens has appointed four Area Captains and three Captains to activate dormant associations. These efforts should help the area obtain the necessary signatures.

Meeting Adjourned.

By Mr. Richard Gibson (in absence  
of L. McCarthy)



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BELLEROSE-  
COMMONWEALTH CIVIC ASSOCIATION HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 1963, AT  
244-39 86th ROAD, BELLEROSE, N. Y.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 by the Chairman, James McCarthy. Present were Messrs. Schneider, Lorio, Nichols, O'Neill and McCarthy, Miss McCarthy and Mrs. Fallon.

Minutes of the May Board meeting were read by Miss McCarthy and accepted as read. The correspondence was read by Miss McCarthy, including a letter from Boro-President Cariello replying to our complaint about Commonwealth Boulevard and the LIRR tracks. Since he offered to be of further service, we will again write him asking that the Boulevard be made uniform width to eliminate the present narrowing of the road at the top of the hill. We will also ask for installation of a traffic light at Hillside and Cross Island southbound service road, change of the signal system on Hillside, elimination of the hazard at Little Neck Parkway and the railroad, and stopping of drag racing on the northbound service road.

Mr. Nichols reported that the Eastern Queens Civic Council had again failed to secure enough signatures on petitions to have the proposal to change the effective date of elimination of assessments for improvements placed on the ballot. The total number was about the same as last year, about 33,000. Last year we got signatures from the area south of the tracks, and since that area was not counted in with our signatures this year, Mr. Nichols felt that we did as well this year as last. He further reported that Eastern Queens plans to try again next year. The proposed change in the law provides that any assessments paid for improvements made during the period affected by the proposed change shall be returned to the persons who paid, so that even if we get our assessment bills before next Fall, we can still benefit by petitions. Eastern Queens plans to start right now to set up the machinery for getting signatures next May through August.

Mrs. Fallon reported on other things discussed at the Eastern Queens meeting: It was suggested that Eastern Queens Civic Council have a banner, with the idea that the Council would join in parades and thus "advertise" civic activity to the people. Another suggestion was that we campaign for the designation of some area as EQCC Square. Member organizations were asked to suggest possible locations. We were asked to discuss at our meetings the city's current plans to disrupt the neighborhood schools in the name of civil rights. The Queens Federation of Civic Councils plans to hold its annual dinner-dance on November 3 at Antun's.

Mr. Schneider called attention to the high weeds in the lot at 86th Avenue and Commonwealth, but felt it is rather late in the season to request the city to cut them.

Motion was made by Mrs. Fallon, seconded by Mr. Schneider, that we pay the Eastern Queens Civic Council bill for our 1963-1964 dues. Motion carried.



Mrs. Fallon reported on a tour of the World's Fair site by Queens Civic leaders on July 23rd. Since tickets for the Fair can be obtained now at a discount and at a further discount for groups, she suggested we buy tickets in group lots for our members, as a means of inducing membership. After some discussion, Mr. O'Neil moved to table the discussion.

It was decided to hold a general meeting as early in October as possible in the school on a Community Center night, preferably a Tuesday. Mrs. Fallon will contact the school.

Mr. Nichols reported that membership cards and lists have been printed. He suggested dividing the area into six parts with an area captain for each. These area captains would contact, and in some cases recruit, block captains for the collection of dues. We will ask for volunteers at the general meeting. Mr. O'Neil volunteered to be one captain.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ethel E Fallon*

Ethel E. Fallon,  
Secretary Pro Tem



Minutes of Board Meeting -Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association 2/11/64

Meeting opened at 8:45.

Mrs. Fallon announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Assoc. would be 2/18. She said that the World's Fair tickets would be available at that time. She suggested that Mr. Nichol hold the assessed valuation change information until late in the meeting so that the crowd would not be tempted to leave early.

Mrs. Fallon reported on the Eastern Queens meeting and mentioned that an effort was being made to check on phoney civic associations. The Federation also was pressing for better allocation of school funds.

A representative from the Red Cross had attended the Federation meeting and stressed the need for a Blood Bank set up by Queens Federation. It was noted that not enough could be called upon to set this up.

The bussing of children to various areas and matters brought up at the Federation in connection therewith was to be brought up at the next General meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. McCarthy, Sec. Pro Tem



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