

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



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FSC's New Board

President: Mary Forseth

Mary is the last FSC president who will not be elected directly. Under the old Bylaws she served a year as vice-president and then automatically became president for one year. Under the new Bylaws she will be eligible to run for two more consecutive 2-year terms.

Vice-President: Rob Muranyi

Rob has resigned his position as director-at-large in order to serve as vice-president. However, he will retain his position as chair of Building and Grounds.

Treasurer: Casey Thompson

Casey has already served a couple of weeks as treasurer due to the resignation of former treasurer Bill K. to take a new job.

Secretary: Diana Ziegler

Diana is no stranger to the Board, having served as interim vice-president a year ago. She may not have time to continue as chair of the Hospitality Committee, but she will continue to prepare holiday dinners for her "family of choice."

Director-at-Large: Fritz Miller

Fritz is particularly interested in seeing that the Board operates in accordance with Traditions 1 and 2.

Director-at-Large: Matt Kohnke

Matt, the author of FSC's recent successful member survey, has plans for encouraging volunteerism at FSC.

Director-at-Large: Russ Quandt

Russ is in the middle of his second term on the Board. In addition to his new role as Strategic Planning chair, he is also FSC's HVAC guru.

New Bylaws Accepted on Voice Vote

FSC's new Bylaws have clarified voting procedures, provided a protocol for meetings conducted online or by email, mandated the creation and posting of House Rules, spelled out more clearly the rights of members and how to assert those rights and made actions of the Board more transparent.

Outgoing secretary Linda Matusewic, who chaired the Bylaws Revision Committee, says that her greatest contribution to the process was convincing member Gary D. to join the committee. His clarity of thought and word, along with the wise oversight of president Harold Stafford, were what will make these new Bylaws, it is hoped, useful for years to come.

FYI: Last Names

Because they are the officers of the FSC corporation, the full names of Board members are made public.

Much Learned at Annual Meeting

Close to 30 Fitchburg Serenity Club members gathered in the Grand Ballroom Sunday morning for FSC's Annual Meeting.

Mutual admiration was a recurring theme of the meeting as Board members and others expressed satisfaction with all that has been accomplished in the past year.

New president Mary Forseth thanked the Board and all the volunteers who have helped make FSC the place it is, whether the volunteering was a major undertaking such as Tom L's 17 years (SEVENTEEN YEARS) as Membership chair or a less daunting task like wiping up a spill. It all contributes! She said that going forward the Board will continue to build on communication with the membership that was a priority this past year. She cited FSC's successful first survey of members and expected improvements to our website.

Mary expressed gratitude and admiration for outgoing president Harold Stafford (who could not be present) for his leadership and dedication to FSC and the Board's goals.

New vice-president Rob Muranyi, who will continue as chair of Building and Grounds, reviewed major B&G accomplishments of the preceding year: The flat section of the roof was replaced for \$40,000; a new HVAC system was installed for \$15,000; the Grand Ballroom was refurbished for about \$4,500; the deck was repainted; the back yard was cleaned up with mostly member labor; the parking lot was top-coated, sealed and relined; and new security cameras were added. All those projects were completed while paying off the credit line and not borrowing for any projects. We have no debt. Rob stated that projects being planned for the coming year include finishing the back yard (making it into a park), replacing the flooring in the lobby and surrounding area, and updating the kitchen and restrooms.

New treasurer Casey Thompson, who is just getting into the job, stated that FSC took in \$110,000-plus last year with expenses of \$102,000-plus. We have \$12,000 in cash at present, which he hopes to build to about \$25,000.

Director-at-large Russ Quandt will chair the new Strategic Planning Committee that is being formed to look at where we want and expect FSC to be five years from now. He stated that at present there are no benchmarks to determine how we are doing and no plan for the future except for some Building and Grounds projects. He will assemble a committee with the expectation of presenting the plan at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

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