

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 5, 2016

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 74th Street and Ward Parkway

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Carol Gould, Aaron Schwartz and Julie Wittman, and Aaron Osborne.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:38.

Mr. Haar explained the qualifications and obligations of a board member to Mr. Osborne, who has expressed interest in joining the board.

November minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Tillotson reported a current bank balance of \$46,866.72

Ms. Tillotson reported having received \$11,420 in membership dues and \$12,880 in security dues since her previous report.

Mr. Haar solicited suggestions for when to conduct an audit. It was decided to conduct the audit at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 at Ms. Tillotson's house.

Ms. Baker suggested a mid-to-late April date for Neighborhood Night Out. She also said she needed to speak with coordinators, Brian and Rachel Mason, to arrive at a date for the Easter Egg Hunt.

It was discussed how to best promote the neighborhood garage sales and if we need to pay for an ad in the Kansas City Star. Ms. Baker said the turnout was moderate last year but the weather was poor.

Ms. Wittman said January 23 was the most popular date for the progressive dinner. Six p.m. was picked as the time. It was agreed to also invite three former board members. Ms. Gould suggested giving money to the entree preparer. Ms. Wittman asked about providing wine and was advised that attendees bring wine to the appetizer course and that unopened bottles are taken to the remaining hosts.

The possibility of neighborhood progressive dinner was raised. Ms. Baker suggested a newsletter story on how individual blocks may want to hold their own dinners or block parties.

Mr. Schwartz, our board attorney, reported that an insurance agent rejected WPHA's application for liability insurance. He said a second agent seemed more optimistic about issuing a policy. He also said we needed insurance in case any of our security patrolmen are involved in lawsuits.

Mr. Osborne raised the issue of low participation for dues and security and suggested many people don't pay for security because they don't see officers. He also asked whether the board had conducted surveys to find out the reason for low participation. He was told there is

considerable apathy and that some residents are content to let others pay for WPHA's events and services. A lengthy discussion ensued about the importance and presence of security patrol.

Ms. Wittman presented a list of prospective volunteers and said she contacted them. Ms. Gould reported that she invited prospective Ambassador volunteers to the February meeting.

Ms. Tillotson reported that some members have been confused by the membership forms and don't realize they cannot pay for security without paying membership dues. It was discussed whether the forms should be changed to clear up any confusion.

There was a discussion whether we should use Pay Pal or another online option for paying dues.

Ms. Wittman suggested making better use of email addresses to solicit dues and promote events.

Mr. Haar adjourned the meeting at 8:54.