

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, FEB. 2, 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, and Julie Wittman, Block Ambassador Steve Himes, and past President Michelle Cour.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:34.

Mr. Haar reported that Laura Lynch has resigned from the board due to work obligations. Ms. Baker said, however, that Ms. Lynch told her she would stay active in some WPHA activities.

Mr. Haar explained Block Ambassador responsibilities to Mr. Himes.

Ms. Baker also told Mr. Himes that any feedback he gains from neighbors by is valuable to the board.

Mr. Rand read the audit statement and passed it around to have all board members read it and have the four auditors sign and certify the audit. It was conducted Jan. 13, 2016.

Ms. Tillotson reported that membership has reached 327 homes with dues totaling \$11,585. She said security signups leave us about \$1,600 short of covering security patrol expenses.

Ms. Baker said she has been trying to reach the Masons to plan the Easter Egg Hunt. She said she was seeking volunteers to wear the bunny suit used for this event in most years.

Ms. Hardy suggested changing garage sale dates from May to September because of busy May calendars. If not, she suggested holding them the weekend of May 21-22. Ms. Baker asked if it is feasible to hold the sales in both May and September. The board took the suggestion under advisement. Ms. Hardy said it no longer made sense to advertise in the Kansas City Star because most neighbors seem to be getting their notices about the sales from other sources.

Ms. Baker said she would research April dates for Neighborhood Night Out. The best time seemed to be 5-7 p.m. Ms. Wittman raised the question whether non-members should be charged \$5. No decision was reached.

In light of a solicitation from a real estate company to sponsor a presentation by the creator of showmekcchools.com, Mr. Rand asked whether we should establish a policy regarding sponsorships and gifts from local businesses. It was agreed to reply to the real estate company that our board meetings are not well enough attended to provide an audience for the speaker.

The liability insurance tentatively obtained by our board attorney, Aaron Schwartz, was discussed. Mr. Schwartz had emailed that a policy would cost \$2,000 but had further questions for the board. Mr. Schwartz was not present, so details would have to wait for the March meeting.

Ms. Tillotson discussed the transaction fees required if we set up a Pay Pal account to accommodate dues payers. It was discussed how such payments could be tailored to the specific options we offer on membership signup forms.

Ms. Tillotson reported that she is taking care of the necessary annual tax documents.

Ms. Wittman thanked everyone for participating in the board's recent progressive dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19.