

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, MAY 6, 2014

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

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Dennis Young, Maureen Hardy, Laura Lavalley and Carol Gould, and guest Sara Wiercinski.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Ms. Wiercinski, representing Friends of Hale Cook, discussed partnering again with WPHA to participate in the Kansas City grant program, which is open again for applications. She proposed applying for a \$2,000 picnic table, a \$500 bike rack or \$900 basketball goals. Mr. Rand suggested the Friends apply for grants on all three projects. Ms. Baker moved to approve any grants Friends pursued, up to a total value of \$3,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was agreed that Mr. Rand would produce the summer newsletter around June 15, and arrange to have the Fourth of July picnic flyers, produced by Ms. Lynch, distributed around June 20.

Ms. Hardy discussed her plans for the WPHA garage sales May 16-17. She said she had arranged to buy ads in the Kansas City Star. Mr. Rand said he would post a press release on the Star's website.

The time for the Fourth of July picnic was set to start for 11 a.m. It was decided that Mr. Haar would invite a fire truck at 11, and Royals mascot Sluggerr at 11:30. Mr. Rand reiterated that he would buy brisket from McGonigle's market, and Mr. Haar said he would buy condiments, plates and utensils.

Ms. Baker said two gift cards from Lew's and The Well were available as door prizes for the Fourth of July picnic. Mr. Young said his wife, Annette, would again paint faces for the kids.

Mr. Rand solicited ideas for WPHA tee shirts. It was agreed he would get an estimate for blue shirts bearing the WPHA logo.

Mr. Rand suggested as Home of the Month candidates those who have lending libraries in front of their homes and said he would check on whether they are WPHA members.

Ms. Gould provided an update on welcome kits and listed new neighbors who need them. It was agreed to try and recruit more Block Ambassadors in the next newsletter.

Ms. Baker gave an update of the urn program. She also said that Mike Allmon will plant a tree as requested. She also addressed the need for spraying and replacement of four dead shrubs.

Ms. Baker also discussed the need for a new webmaster. She said she would contact Ms. Lynch and Julie Wittman to see if either would be interested in assuming that role.

Ms. Baker said her recent expenses exceeded the limit on her WPHA credit card and suggested getting the limit raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.