

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Laura Lavalley, Julie Lynch, Carol Gould, Aaron Schwartz, Dennis Young and webmaster Julie Wittman.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:35

The November minutes were approved.

Ms. Tillotson in her monthly financial report cited a bank balance of \$47,733.60. Current membership dues received totaled \$11,660 from 331 homes. Current security dues totaled \$11,570 from 235 homes, leaving us \$910 short of breaking even. Newsletter mail subscriptions totaled \$195 from 39 homes.

Mr. Haar related that board member Maureen Hardy, who was not present, has set May 15-16 as dates for the annual neighborhood garage sales

Ms. Lynch said the Easter Egg Hunt would be held March 22, two weeks before Easter Sunday, providing we can find a coordinator. Lacking a coordinator, it was agreed, the event would be canceled.

Mr. Rand said he would coordinate the Garden Tour in June. Ms. Wittman volunteered to help.

Ms. Baker said she has reached agreement with the District Pour House to again host Neighborhood Night Out, probably on April 11. It was agreed to promote the event with flyers, and several board members agreed to solicit local businesses for door prizes.

Mr. Haar asked Mr. Rand to ask Marti Lee of Southtown Council to help solicit door prizes from local businesses for Neighborhood Night Out and the Fourth of July picnic.

Mr. Haar said he would be unavailable to help with the Fourth of July picnic because of medical issues. It was agreed that other board members would cover his responsibilities. Mr. Haar added, however, that he would still try to line up Sluggerr, the Royals mascot, for a paid appearance.

Ms. Lynch said she and Ms. Wittman would move the pertinent material from WPHA's old, defunct website to the new website, eliminating the need to pay a freelancer.

Mr. Rand said the spring newsletter would be published in mid-March.

Ms. Wittman requested that newsletter stories be posted to the WPHA Facebook page (facebook.com/wardparkwayhomes).

Mr. Haar reported attending a meeting of the Presidents Council, a group of officers from nearby homeowners' associations. Mr. Haar asked whether any board members wanted to attend next meeting, at the Bier Station. None expressed an interest.

Because Mr. Haar plans to vacate the presidency after annual meeting in October, options for replacing him were discussed. No one on the board showed an interest in running for president, and the option of replacing the presidency with a committee was discussed.

Ms. Baker suggested expanding the board from its current roster of 10. She asked that volunteers for board positions or other roles be solicited in the next newsletter.

Ms. Wittman was offered a position on the board. Ms. Baker nominated her as probationary member, and she was unanimously approved.

Ms. Gould reported that she was adequately stocked with materials for welcome kits

Ms. Wittman asked how to respond to a resident who emailed a question whether we could help her address a neighbor's excessively barking dog. Ms. Baker said the resident should be advised to call 311, the KCMO help line.

Ms. Baker asked for suggested dates for a summer progressive dinner.

Mr. Young reported attending the Hale Cook School alumni event on February 2 with his wife, Annette, and said it was a successful and well-attended event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.