

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, NOV. 3, 2015

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Jon Rand, Carol Gould, Laura Lynch, Aaron Schwartz, Julie Wittman.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:31.

The minutes from the last two meetings were approved.

Plans for the Harvesters food drive were reviewed. Bag drop-off was due this weekend.

Progressive dinner plans were discussed, but no date was set.

The proposed slate of officers was re-elected unanimously: Mr. Haar, Ms. Baker, treasurer Ms. Tillotson and Mr. Rand.

Mr. Haar asked if we might find a way to improve attendance at the annual meeting. It was decided to continue the meeting in its current form but, due to poor attendance by non-board members, not invite speakers or buy as many snacks.

Mr. Haar said he has invited two prospective board members to the January meeting, Alex Gill and Aaron Osborne.

Mr. Haar presented a list of prospective block ambassadors to Ms. Gould and suggested she invite them to our January meeting.

Mr. Haar presented three prospective communications volunteers to Ms. Lynch.

Mr. Haar presented one prospective Neighborhood Night Out volunteer and one prospective beautification volunteer to Ms. Baker.

Mr. Schwartz, board attorney, said he was hopeful the board could purchase liability insurance for no more than \$3,000. Mr. Rand asked if that includes the

Fourth of July picnic and Easter Egg hunt, for which we already buy insurance. It was decided to delay a decision on insurance pending an accurate estimate.

It was agreed to give Ms. Gould unsold tee-shirts for the welcome kits.

It was generally agreed that NNO admission should be \$10 for non-members.

Mr. Haar pointed out that people have been allowed to buy security memberships without joining the association, which is contrary to our policy. It was agreed this practice needs to be stopped.

Ms. Lynch and Ms. Wittman urged the board to allow membership and security dues to be paid through Pay Pal. Ms. Baker suggested passing on the transaction fees to payees. Ms. Baker also said the board needs to check with Ms. Tillotson because the number of direct deposits to the WPHA bank account is limited.

Ms. Baker reported that two judges have confirmed for the Holiday Homes contest and that she is seeking a third. She added that caroling will be held the Sunday before Christmas and that she is seeking singers, musicians and a host for the post-caroling party.

Ms. Wittman asked about the format for the Holiday Homes contest, which Ms. Baker proceeded to explain.

Ms. Gould asked if board members were eligible to win the Holiday Homes contest, as Ms. Baker did a year ago. Ms. Baker said they are and explained the eligibility guidelines -- winners must be current WPHA members and cannot have won in either of the two preceding years.

It was announced that there will be no December board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.