

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 74th St. and Ward Parkway

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Jon Rand, and board members Laura Lynch and Dennis Young.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:40 and determined we had a quorum.

The progress of the membership drive was discussed. Mr. Rand asked whether a second mailing was advisable and Ms. Baker said it has not always paid for itself.

The fall Neighborhood Night Out is set for October 4 at the District Pour House at 7122 Wornall. Flyers will be distributed and it was suggested that membership information be printed on the back side of the NNO flyers. It was agreed that NNO flyers should be distributed the week of September 21 and include a reminder about the annual membership meeting Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

It was suggested that we invite a Sixth District Council member, state Representative Jeremy LaFaver and security chief Detective Brent Parsons to the annual meeting. Mr. Rand said he would invite a Council member.

Among the items needed for NNO were name tags and drink tickets. It was agreed that WPHA tee shirts would be sold.

Ms. Baker said that paid memberships for 2015-2016 dues, which are running at about 21 percent of residents, usually pick up significantly in September. It was agreed to extend early bird discounts on membership dues through September 8 with postings on Facebook and eNeighbors.

Plans for the proposed progressive dinner on September 26 were discussed. Ms. Lynch said she would conduct an email poll to gauge attendance and see if the event needs to be moved to a date where more board members can attend.

The board was reminded that the food drive for Harvesters was scheduled for November.

Mr. Young suggested the board make a gesture of appreciation for our security officers. Gift certificates for dinner were mentioned as a possibility.

Ms. Lynch suggested posting the process for sidewalk repair in the next newsletter, on our website and on eNeighbors.

Christmas events were discussed and Ms. Baker said we need a chair for the Holiday Homes lighting contest. Ms Baker said if needed, she would fill the role this year and groom a successor.

Ms. Baker said former board member Laura Lavallee will come back to participate in the caroling, tentatively scheduled for December 19 or 20.

Mr. Rand suggested we carefully evaluate insurance options and not allow premiums to account for a major part of our budget. This was in reference to advice from board attorney Aaron Schwartz at the August meeting. The discussion was tabled until November when attorney Aaron Schwartz and treasurer Gaye Tillotson, who was asked to price insurance premiums, hopefully could attend.

The 2015-16 budget received an initial review. Ms. Tillotson's figures showed the board standing about \$4,500 under budget and Ms. Baker estimated that we would come close to meeting our budget at the end of the fiscal year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.