

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MAY 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order, at 11:31, the new president, Charles Schmidt.

Board members present were: Charles Schmidt, President Jim Wells, Vice president of Operations, Anna Walther, Vice President of Membership, Esther Nachimson, Secretary, Steve Schreur, Nell Anne Hunt, Special Events Coordinator, Rick Lindsey, Tom Hopwood, Arnold Martin, Immediate Past President and Pat Naylor, Council. Board members not present were: Treasurer, Gail Wells and Jen Austin. Scott Wilson of TLCA was present, also.

As the minutes of the April meeting were not available, Arnold Martin motioned their approval be postponed until our June board meeting. Jim Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed.

In the absence of the treasurer, Gail Wells, the treasurer's report was passed out to all board members. Jim Wells reported the \$8,700 Certificate of Deposit, accruing negligible interest, was cashed out and put in our checking account. We are in a better cash position than we were at the same time last year by \$1,500. The City of Irving grant of \$1,400 for the printing of the directory is yet to be forthcoming but expected at any time. Arnold Martin motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The association master card situation has changed. The card has been blocked since January due to failure to pay for two months and failure of the card holder to respond to inquiries on this matter. The current card balance is zero. The last payment was 44.95 for 3 months website expenses and no further charges incurred due to card block.

I have the card but it expired 09/11 so it is not current. I know the card has been reissued extending into this year but I do not have this card.

The current card balance is zero. So nothing to worry about there. the last payment was 44.95 for 3 months website expenses and no further charges incurred due to card block.

Arnold Martin motioned that we give a grant of \$1,500.00 to the 4th of July, Great Flag Caper, if in fact it has not been previously approved by the board. Jim Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed by a margin of 4 for and 3 against.

Charles Schmidt asked for accolades for Jim Wells for producing the best and most beautiful directory, ever.

Scott gave the board updates on substandard properties in University Hills and the progress being made in resolving these issues. Landscaping issues were discussed. Watering is restricted to 1 time per week on Saturday. He stated that if watering is for more than 10 minutes at a time, water runs off into the gutters. He suggested watering 2-3 times at 10 minutes intervals. He suggested replacing water guzzling plants with more drought tolerant ones. He added that even plants requiring less water can be made to adapt to need more water if over-watering occurs. St. Augustine grass will suffer if the drought continues. Bermuda grass is the "grass of choice" in this area. It will turn brown but the root system prevents it from dying. It will return when weather conditions improve.

Rick asked Scott about the guidelines for political signs placed in University Hills. He said that signs can be placed in the right of way areas but not in the medians. Signs are relocated in case they are in the wrong place.

Rick said all preparations for our annual Spring Fling are good to go. All vendors are lined up. Signs will be placed at noon on Friday. The board thanked Rick for taking on this work intensive project.

Anna Walther stated that a Deputy Chief for Section B was still needed.

Tom Hopwood presented the board with a schematic of homes that have paid their dues. Quite a bit of work went into developing this work. We are hoping it will be beneficial in increasing our homeowner membership.

Arnold Martin motioned that the board end the requirement for residents to be members of UHAOH in order to receive Yard of the Month, Holiday Decoration and other awards. Tom Hopwood seconded the motion. The motion passed. The motion passed unanimously.

Counselor Pat Naylor stated that he is in the process of reviewing the UHAOH bylaws and will have suggestions for changes.

Nell Anne Hunt passed out the property comps to all members. She said that the Star Gazing went well considering that sky was overcast. More signs were needed to direct people to the exhibits. There were complaints about not having pizza, even at the late hour.

Charles asked that board members come to the next meeting with ideas of what to do with our money.

Nell Anne Hunt motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Naylor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board will be on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at the Las Colinas Country Club. Those wishing to enjoy lunch are asked to arrive at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Nachimson,

Secretary