

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 2, 2018

In the absence of the President, Tom Hopwood, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Anna Walther, Vice President. The presence of a quorum was established.

Other board members present: Charles Schmidt, Kathrine Pennington, Terri Roan, Jim Wells, Sherri LeVan, Nell Anne Hunt, Michael Basoco, Steve Hoisington, Ottis Lewis, and John DeMarco.

Others in attendance: Karen Martin and Lani Relucio, residents of University Hills.

Anna Walther welcomed Ottis Lewis and Steve Hoisington as new members of the Board. They were appointed to fulfill the terms of office of Claudia Bracero and of Suzannah Cronenwett, respectively, in a vote conducted by email on September 26, 2018.

Anna Walther also welcomed Karen Martin, who along with Rick Lindsey, Nell Anne Hunt, and Anna Walther, were recommended by the Board Nominating Committee as the four candidates for election to 3-year term board directorships at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership (AGM) on November 13, 2018.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the September Board of Directors meeting in an email dated September 23, 2018. No corrections or other modifications were made hence the minutes stand as read.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report to Board Members via an email dated October 1, 2018. Total Assets are \$ 37,637. Net Income for the period since November 1, 2017, is \$ 5,652. There were no objections to the Treasurer's Report and it is filed for Audit.

Anna Walther distributed wording proposed for Article III- Purpose and Article XIII - Dissolution. These sections of the Bylaws need amendment to reflect the change in UHAOH's status with the IRS as a 501c3 organization. Discussion ensued about specific wording. To assist in the deliberations, Charles Schmidt through Jim Wells will furnish the board members with a copy of the actual application submitted to IRS. It's essential a prompt decision be made because any changes to the Bylaws ought to be approved by members at the upcoming AGM.

The four candidates for Directorships (Karen Martin, Nell Anne Hunt, Anna Walther, and Rick Lindsey) as recommended by the Board Nominating Committee in an email dated September 26, 2018, were endorsed by the Board for election at the AGM scheduled to be held on November 13, 2018.

Anna Walther referenced recent discussions about the Membership Drive for 2019. One outstanding matter is the level of membership dues. Sherri LeVan moved to retain the current membership dues hierarchy i.e., Silver- \$50, Gold- \$100, and Platinum- \$150. The motion was seconded and carried.

Kathrine Pennington and Anna Walther led a discussion on arrangements for this year's Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that a \$15 charge will apply to those who wish have dinner. A draft program for the meeting prepared by Tom Hopwood was reviewed. Several changes were proposed and some topics for the speakers were suggested. An updated version of the meeting's program will be made by available by the next board meeting.

Terri Roan, Chair of this year's National Night Out, reported that preparations are in good order for tonight's event. Terri noted that ICTN will be there and extended an invitation to all Board Members to attend.

In the absence of Rick Lindsey, a review of the arrangements for Deck the Hills was postponed. However, Nell Anne Hunt circulated a catalogue of Holiday Light Displays. It was noted that we hadn't purchased any new displays in several years. After discussion, Ottis Lewis moved to purchase some new displays which purchase and installation cost should not exceed \$1,500. Also, the display purchase must be done in coordination with Steve, our perennial Electrician. The motion was seconded and carried.

Anna Walther referenced the Events Calendar attached to Tom Hopwood's email providing notice for this meeting dated September 24th. A Chairman is needed for this year's Deck the Hills event. Ottis Lewis volunteered. Others offered to assist Ottis including Sherri LeVan, Steve Hoisington, Karen Martin, Michael Basoco, Anna Walther, and perhaps Suzannah Cronenwett and Claudia Bracero.

Michael Basoco reported on the status of the 2019 UH Residential Directory. A prototype of the directory was circulated to board members. Michael also advised he's received a proposal from one of the major sponsors of the directory viz., A \$20 donation would be made to UHAOH for each client they obtain through referral from the UH Directory ad. There was no objection to Michael's pursuing such an arrangement.

Nell Anne Hunt distributed a Real Estate Report dated September 26, 2018. There are 8 homes listed for sale in the University Hills area with one of these located in Alto Vista.

Anna Walther referred to discussions at the Board Development Committee about unfilled positions important to the functioning of UHAOH which may not require board of director membership, e.g. Data Base Manager and Communications Director. Steve Hoisington offered to take on the responsibility for managing the Residential Data Base. Lani Relucio, who currently coordinates UHAOH's communications through Face Book, said she would take a look at the latter. For Lani's consideration, Jim Wells will provide Lani with an outline of the full scope of responsibilities incumbent upon the Director of Communications position.

Through an email message Joyce Guedalia, Property Appearance Committee Chair, advised that # 3716 Santiago (Christina Winters Gears) was awarded Yard of the Month for October.

Charles Schmidt advised that judging for the 40- and 50- year Home of Distinction awards will take place in October. The criteria for these awards are displayed at the UH website

Michael Basoco briefly reviewed the upcoming issue of Our Neighborhood Magazine.

Michael Basoco, Chair of the New Residents Welcoming Committee, reported on its recent activities. Ten new residents were greeted and provided with informational materials. Michael noted that a female member of the committee would be of great benefit in welcoming new residents.

Charles Schmidt advised that UHAOH's application for the City of Irving's Neighborhood Association Grant program for 2018-2019 was awarded in the full amount requested. There was discussion that the \$1750 amount ought to be reflected on UHAOH books instead of being split by the City into one check to UHAOH and another check remitted directly to the Great Flag Caper. The latter is not recorded on our P & L statement. Jim Wells and Charles Schmidt were authorized to pursue this matter with City of Irving staff.

Michael Basoco inquired about Blue Recycle Bags as an item to gift new residents or to use for UHAOH

awards. These bags epitomize UHAOH's concern for the environment. Anna Walther offered to obtain some Blue Recycle bags from a complimentary source.

For future reference the 2019 UHAOH Budget, as approved at the last meeting, is attached as a document to Tom Hopwood's email dated September 24, 2018.

With the time being 12:56 PM and with no further business to discuss, John DeMarco **moved** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on November 6, 2018; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco

Recording Secretary

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