

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by the President, Tom Hopwood.

Other board members present: Charles Schmidt, Anna Walther, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Terri Roan, and John DeMarco.

Others in attendance: Michael Basoco, Chairman of the New Resident Welcoming Committee.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the April board of directors meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for April 30, 2018. Total Assets are \$ 42,613. Net Income for the period since November 1, 2017, is \$ 10,627. John DeMarco made a motion to approve the report as presented. Charles Schmidt seconded and the motion was carried.

Charles Schmidt recapitulated the salient features of the all-event Personal Liability Policy now in force; (i) one insurer for the whole year vs. several, (ii) one day coverage for all UHAOH events (SG, SF, NNO, AGM, and DTH), and (iii) one-time premium of about \$500. An extended period of coverage option for the DTH event was not explored at this time.

Charles Schmidt advised that the IRS accepted the UHAOH application for 501c3 status with effect February 22, 2018. All were appreciative of the efforts of Charles (and Jim) in achieving this distinction for UHAOH. The benefits are two-fold; an exemption from Sales Taxes on UHAOH purchases and a Charitable Deduction for those donors to UHAOH who itemize on their federal income tax returns. Respecting the latter, Charles noted that advice as to the cost of services provided by UHAOH may be required.

Jim Wells confirmed that the annual obligation to file Form 990 with the IRS as a 501c3 entity can readily be fulfilled by the Treasurer.

Anna Walther suggested a formal notice of this tax exempt status be provided to all entities with which UHAOH has commercial relations.

Tom Hopwood reported on his discussion with the Bank of the West relating to a facility to accept credit card payments for membership dues at on-site locations. Anna Walther related her experience with Square Reader which might be another option to explore.

Tom Hopwood made reference to the enhanced Membership spreadsheet attached to his email dated April 25, 2018. To facilitate analysis, this version is sorted by Block and by membership dues status (paid and non-paid). Discussion ensued about means to "connect" with members who have not paid their dues for 2018.

Jim Wells commented that almost half of the homes in our residential data base do not have confirmed information as to the current resident. It was agreed that an update of this information, i.e. name, telephone number, and email address, was of primary importance, especially as we wish to publish a residential directory this year.

Michael Basoco offered the use of Our Neighborhood Magazine to encourage residents to affirm their residential information. Michael will liaise with Anna, Tom, and Jim to include a full-page appeal in the July issue. Respecting dues collections, the consensus was that an on-going, multi-faceted approach will better enable us to connect with members who have not yet paid dues for 2018.

Michael Basoco, publisher of Our Neighborhood Magazine, advised that the June issue is now available for viewing via the Dropbox portal. Articles pertinent to UHAOH include the Great Flag Capers and a profile of Brigadier General (USAF Retired) George Schulstad. Michael also related that a feature in the July issue will be the volunteer program sponsored by the City of Irving to replace Storm Drain Markers in our immediate area and throughout the city.

Nell Anne Hunt reported on the Star Gazing event held at the UD campus on April 21, 2018. Although turnout was low, those in attendance enjoyed the evening. Dr. Olenick and his Physics students conducted experiments in the Lab and made interesting presentations. Inasmuch as inclement weather is much more likely to occur in April, Dr. Olenick is suggesting we defer next year's Star Gazing event until June or July.

Tom Hopwood, on behalf of Rick Lindsey, confirmed that all is in good order with the arrangements for Spring Fling (Saturday, May 12 from 4 PM - 7 PM). Tom directed everyone to consult the detailed Activity Sheet sent around by Rick for their duty assignment. [SignUpGenius](#) is another source of this information.

Tom Hopwood confirmed that Sherri LeVan has volunteered to coordinate the Adult Social Mixer. This event will be held at La Cima on Tuesday, June 19 from 6 PM - 8 PM.

Nell Anne distributed a Real Estate Report dated April 28, 2018. Currently there are 7 homes listed for sale in the University Hills area with two of these located in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood reported that he's received several inquiries about the increase in appraised values for properties in University Hills. A group of homeowners is scheduled to meet to discuss possible actions. Tom remarked that the materials enclosed with the change notice from DCAD were quite clear as to the process used in making the appraisals and the procedure by which to contest the proposed valuation.

Tom Hopwood related that Joyce Guedalia, Property Appearance Committee Chair, has awarded # 321 Tampico (Ireta and Harrel Ellis) as Yard of the Month for May.

Nell Anne Hunt reported that the preparations for the Great Flag Capers are already underway. This year will mark the 25th anniversary of its founding.

With the time being 12:57 P.M. and with no further business to discuss, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nell Anne Hunt seconded it and the motion was carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on June 5, 2018; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco
Recording Secretary
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