

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2019

The monthly meeting of the University Hills Association of Homeowners Board of Directors was called to order at 11:30 AM by the president Tom Hopwood on Tuesday, March 5 in the Barrel Room of the Las Colinas Country Club.

A quorum of 12 directors was present including; Charles Schmidt, Kathrine Pennington, Michael Basoco, Steve Hoisington, Nell Anne Hunt, Ottis Lewis, Rick Lindsey, Sherrie LeVan, Anna Walther, Jim Wells and John DeMarco.

Minutes

Minutes of the February 5, 2019, Board of Directors meeting, distributed via an email dated March 1, 2019, were approved as presented/read.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2019, was distributed by Jim Wells in an email dated March 1, 2019. Net Income for the period starting from November 1, 2018, is \$10,927. Total Assets in the form of CD's and Savings accounts at the Bank of the West are \$46,614. The Treasurer's Report was filed for FYE 2019 financial review.

Tax Code Section 501(c)(3): Tax Filing

Jim Wells referred to an email dated March 1, 2019, relating to the filing of UHAOH's federal tax return (Form 990-N). Jim proposed that he file the return forthwith and not await acknowledgment from the IRS for our earlier filing of the change in date for UHAOH's fiscal year end. There were no objections.

Financial Review Committee

Anna Walther, chair of the Financial Review Committee, referred to the recently completed audit of the UHAOH financial statements for fiscal year-end 2018. In addition to concluding that these statements are accurate, the Committee made several recommendations with respect to the documentation of expenses, deposits, and receipts. Anna passed around forms for utilization within the Treasury function. (These were sent to Board members via an email dated March 5, 2019.) Anna urged use of the appropriate form by each and every one when conducting UHAOH business.

Honored Guest: Esther Nachimson

Tom Hopwood recognized Esther Nachimson who stopped by the meeting briefly to wish everyone well. Esther is one of the Founders of UHAOH and faithfully served the association as Board Secretary as well as in other capacities for many years.

UHAOH 2019 Expense Budget: Deck the Hills

At the January meeting Tom Hopwood asked that the 2019 Budget be updated to reflect changes made since its approval in September 2018. The revenue projections still look appropriate. However, there are several increases to expenditures for the Deck the Hills event. Ottis Lewis, DTH chair, will provide clarification, as appropriate, along with a firm estimate for the cost of additional light displays. These additions may then be incorporated into a revised Budget. Ottis also recommended consideration be given to including a Capital Expenditure line in the Budget for long-lived items such as the lighting displays and costumes.

Charles Schmidt mentioned that a Magi costume had been bequeathed to him several years ago. Charles has since donated this costume to Ottis for the Deck the Hills event.

Jim Wells noted that the Flags over Irving expenditure (up to \$300) may not have been included in the original 2019 UHAOH Budget.

Membership Drive

Steve Hoisington, chair of the 2019 Membership Drive, distributed a summary report of campaign results as of March 5th. Paid memberships now number 265. Other statistics are cited along with the plan of action for the remainder of the campaign. Also noteworthy is the “personal letter” sent by Steve to 59 members who had paid dues in 2018 but not yet in 2019. Positive responses are already being received.

Events Overview/Action Items

Star Gazing: February 16 at 6:30 PM at University of Dallas. Nell Anne Hunt, SG event chair, reported that the turn-out at the UD Campus was not stellar, most likely a result of the beclouded skies. But those attending enjoyed the Physics Lab experiments, the food and drink served, and the opportunity to socialize. Jim Wells remarked that Dr. Olenick’s presentation on the latest issues in Astro-Physics was interesting and apt.

LCA’s Annual Charity Bowl-a-thon: Tuesday, April 23 from 6-9 PM at Pinstack. Sentiment favored support of the event which benefits Kidd’s KIDS. Michael Basoco offered to organize a team of six bowlers ostensibly representing UHAOH. Other board members volunteered their participation. All this is with the understanding that entry fees, etc. would be for their own account.

Spring Fling: Saturday, May 11 from 4-7 PM at Wingren Park. With the four key factors well in hand, Rick Lindsey, event chair, offered several suggestions to improve the Choo-Choo Train’s attraction to riders. Rick also noted that, once again, Christina Winters Gears will provide a wine & cheese sampling table for the event.

Michael Basoco advised that Irving ISD Communications had asked about assuming responsibility for the Kid’s Arts Table at Spring Fling. (Michael and Kathleen Basoco performed this duty splendidly at last year’s Spring Fling.) This would free up Michael to take on the role of Train Ride coordinator. Rick immediately accepted this offer.

Adult Social Mixer: Sherri LeVan related two items of good news. Respecting the timing of this event, the prospective hosts are willing to accommodate UHAOH’s preference for a September date. After discussion, Tuesday, September 10 was agreed. Secondly, Sherri informed the meeting that she had found a sponsor for Texas wine to be served at the mixer. These developments were greeted with enthusiasm.

Our Neighborhood Magazine

Michael Basoco advised that the March issue will be arriving shortly at UH residences. In addition, Michael reviewed the story board for the April issue. Several items will feature UHAOH including a photo of the Board of Directors which was taken by Cynthia Hammond. Michael reminded everyone of the next Magazine Social which will be held at the Texas Center for Proton Therapy on March 12 from 5-7 PM.

Michael noted the Annual Meeting of the Las Colinas Association is coming soon. He suggested it would be worthwhile to attend because last year’s annual meeting almost didn’t make a quorum. The meeting will be held at 4 PM on Tuesday, March 26, at the LCA Office on Teleport Boulevard.

Real Estate Report

Nell Anne Hunt presented the Real Estate Report dated March 1, 2019, to the Board via email and hard copy. There are 9 homes listed for sale in the University Hills area; three of these are located in Alto Vista.

Property Appearance

Joyce Guedalia, chair of the Property Appearance Committee, advised by email that #3705 Santiago Court (Kaori and James Senger) was awarded Yard of the Month for March.

New Business: Sign Gypsies

Michael Basoco presented an enquiry received from a new advertiser in Our Neighborhood Magazine. Sign Gypsies (<https://signgypsies.com>) is a North Dallas firm who create colorful yard signs appropriate to special occasions, e.g. Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Graduations. They propose to create yard signs for the various UHAOH events such as Star Gazing, Spring Fling, Adult Social Mixer, and Deck the Hills at no cost to us. Compensation to Sign Gypsies for their work would be permission to add a note to identify their wares to passers-by thereby gaining customers for their main business. All were in agreement for Michael to pursue this.

There being no further business, John DeMarco motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ottis Lewis seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was so adjourned by the president at 1:03 PM.

The next regular meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors occurs on April 2, 2019, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the Las Colinas Country Club.

John DeMarco
Secretary
3/05/2019

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