Glennwood Estates Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Attendees: Betsy Skelton, Kay Lee, Bert Bender, Erin Braden, Nick Cortese, Renita Trotti, Polly Nodine, Debbie Cushing, Paul Cushing, Holly Grimes

Financial Report: Current checking account balance is $1,837. Balance in May, 2019 was $2,041.  85 households have paid dues in the last year. We believe we have approximately 365 houses in GENA. We have renewed our non-profit corporate registration. To get more dues, we could explain to neighbors the things GENA does, such as the block party, welcome committee, newsletter, directory, list serve, etc. There is not a current need for more money, however, so probably best to wait until specific needs are identified. For now, current method of getting dues in the spring is fine.

The Little Free Library that was offered by Brad Alexander was approved for placement at the triangle.  Betsy to get with Brad on getting city permission, finding out the name of non-profit that is providing the LFL, working with Neil Norton on placement, design approval etc.

Kay Lee was unanimously approved as new President of GENA. Betsy Skelton was thanked for her 2.5 years of service as President.

Discussion of Welcome Committee:  Plans to revitalize and enhance current process. Need to recruit a Chairperson. Interest in holding periodic gatherings to welcome new neighbors.  Potential gathering at pavilion in park with coffee and doughnuts.

List-serve: The new list-serve has 180 active members. Need to make one or two final announcements and then close the old Yahoo group.  Paul Cushing to assist Lee with the list serve.  Potentially put directory, list of babysitters on list serve.  There are existing email communication files on the list serve.  You can have a daily update instead of a message by message receipt.

Newsletter: proposal to print one more newsletter to inform neighbors of developments and ask for any neighbors who are not online.

Commissioners coming to future meetings:  Kelly Walsh has asked to attend next meeting.  Possible future meetings with other commissioners.  Offers to host those meetings with commissioners. GENA policy position is that it does not take a stand with political candidates nor on development.  GENA cannot speak for all of the households, people have different opinions about issues.  Neighbors are welcome to form groups of like-minded neighbors on issues and GENA will post notice of meeting of those groups on list serve.

Decision to not allow water balloons at last day of school party at the triangle, because of failure to clean up from previous years and environment concerns.

Spring Block Party: (Kay and Debbie Cushing)

* Saturday, May 2nd;  approximately 5:30 - 7:30
* Possibly Cinco de Mayo theme
* Possible Vendors - Coyote, Willy’s, Moe’s (Need to price)
* Approximately 200 people
* Costs from years past
* Bouncy house - $300
* Alcohol - $300
* Hot Dogs  (skips) - $250+
* Everyone brings sides and desserts
* Need City Permission
* Fire Truck
* Possible Pie Bar
* Possible BubbleMan
* Possible Face Paining
* Need to ask Asburys and Ashmores about electricity and in front of their homes
* Music ideas: Flock of Eagles, amateur musicians, Hunter Ramseur, Kids bands, Wayne Robinson.

Misc: Next meeting approximately August.  Use Doodle to find a date.

Submitted by: Erin Braden