**Agenda**

**GENA Board Meeting**

**September 3, 2024**

**Attendees:**

* **Board Members: Paul Cushing, Nick Cortese, Kurt Dupuis, Lauren Sangaline-Asbury, Noni Bourne, Kay Lee (Absent: Polly Nodine, Renitta Trotti)**
* **Neighbors: Debbie Cushing, Jan Selman, Sam Dengler, Bert Bender**

**Call to Order (Kurt Dupuis)**

**February 27, 2024  Minutes (Kurt Dupuis)**: Approved via email. Posted on GENA website.

**Financial Report (Nick Cortese):** Balance last meeting was $3,863.88. **Current balance is $4,120.20.** Expenses since last meeting were $1,844.41 related to the Spring party, G3 gatherings and lighting at the flag pole. Seventy-one neighbors have paid dues in 2024, collecting $2,028.41.

**Listserv Report (Paul Cushing/Noni Bourne):** Three hundred seventy-three members on the Listserv. GENA currently continues to enjoy free usage of the Listserv, as we continue to be under the required storage limitations.

**Welcome Committee Report (Polly Nodine) Polly is unable to attend but provided the following written report. “ Welcome Committee Report September 2024** Since the last meeting, the committee has welcomed three new families, two on E Ponce and one on MTV. Jan Selman has joined this committee, covering Pinecrest with Debbie Cushing. If anyone knows of a family to greet, please let me know. Polly Nodine 404 431-4232.”

**Old Matters:**

* Flagpole and Flag in Triangle
  + New flag and solar panel installed.
  + Flag Retirement Ceremony March 24 – Thank you Carroll Knabe and Scout Troop Members!!!
* Spring Block Party May 11th Thank you Kurt Dupuis for spearheading this party.
* June Graduation List – Thank you Debbie Cushing for coordinating!!!!!
* New Webmaster - Sam Dengler
  + Website – Discussion of adding birding information or G3 events
* Discussion of having new directories printed (last printing October 2022)
  + Directory is kept up to date on groups.io website. Thank you, Bert Bender!!!
  + Individuals can print the PDF if they want a hard copy before the next printing.
* Noni Bourne voted in as Assistant Listserv moderator and new GENA Board Member
* Succession planning discussion
  + Work on description of positions
* Other matters
  + Possible Informal Gathering Ideas
  + Discussion about the house that burned on Forkner and empty houses in the neighborhood.

**New Matters:**

* Nomination of Sam Dengler to join the GENA Board as GENA Webmaster.
  + Kay nominates, Nick seconds, all approved.
* Conversation about use of Listserv to promote certain sales
  + The Listserv policy prohibits “Solicitation of customers or promotion of a business, in each case for personal gain or favor.”
* Informal Gathering Possibilities
  + Spring mini-porch fest and holiday concerts discussed
    - One thousand dollar budget approved for provision of musical entertainment by resident musicians at a possible neighborhood event. Budgeted amount to possibly fund aspects of informal get togethers in the neighborhood. Residents may apply for an amount to fund refreshments at the event. Kay proposed, Paul seconded, all approved.
* October: Halloween Block Party
  + Introduce RSVP to ensure sufficient food
  + Shorten length of party so clean-up can be easily done 4:30-6.
* G3 Activities –
  + Grass mowing (Christie Ramseur) – schedule for mowing is maintained.
  + Speaker series.
* Discussion of December 2024 possible activities:
  + Christmas in Decatur Annual Holiday Giving Neighborhood Collection
  + Sanitation Workers Cash Gifts. Ginny Lester confirms that she is coordinating.

**Adjourn**