Colony Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2019

Attending: Jerry Weisenfluh, John Burke, Kevin Davis, Josie Petrie, Jane Madden, Brigitte Prather

Administration

Jerry began the meeting at 6:30, thanked returning board members, and welcomed new board member Josie Petrie. The minutes of the annual meeting were approved with a motion by John Burke with second from Jane Madden. The minutes will be posted to the website following the meeting. Brigitte Prather and Josie Petrie agreed to co-chair the hospitality committee.

Treasury

Kevin Davis presented the final tabulation of 2018-19 income and expenditures showing a total of \$6,865 of income against \$6,591 of expenses. Along with funds remaining from the previous fiscal year, the checkbook contains \$10,507 in reserve funds to begin the new fiscal year. The board discussed the need to replace the old 8 foot tables with lighter weight tables and decided to allocate the \$507 of carryover funds for this replacement. A preliminary budget was presented by using a simple average of the past three years with adjustments made for predictable categories. It was pointed out that this budget will be updated through the year as circumstances evolve.

Hospitality

The results of the yard/plant/bake sale were discussed. It was pointed out that very few neighbors held yard sales and the question was raised whether we should continue to advertise the event. The plant and bake sale did well and raised \$XX and \$XX respectively for the maintenance fund. A suggestion was made that we try to coordinate our sale with other nearby neighborhood sales. If low participation continues, we will likely discontinue the event.

The fall picnic was tentatively scheduled for Sunday October 6th. The Petrie's have agreed to host this year's event. We will do final planning for the picnic at the August meeting of the board.

Kevin Davis will price folding tables in the near future at Costco. He will look at the difference between 6 foot and 8 foot tables. Once a product is identified, we will purchase enough to accommodate about 50 people. The old tables will be offered to neighbors with the remaining ones going to Habitat. We will also recruit residents to store one or more table at their home during the year.

Communications

The dues notice has been prepared and will be distributed to resident's mailboxes immediately after the meeting. A follow up email will be sent in July. 13 households have already paid.

The newsletter was discussed and it was noted that this is very popular with residents. Many like having a paper copy delivered as opposed to an electronic version. However, the cost of duplicating 75 color copies for multiple issues is not a sustainable practice. We will look into cheaper alternatives for printing or limit the length and frequency of issues. Possible topics for the next newsletter include nearby natural areas, a food piece, something about plants, and neighborhood homes undergoing improvements. We will target late summer for the issue.

Landscaping

Jane reports that most of the plants for island beds have been installed. She would like to purchase some flat paving bricks to line some of the beds to protect them from mowers. She also suggested that we purchase some reflective rods to mark the island points that are susceptible to being driven over by careless drivers.

Facilities

The new front entrance LED flood lights have been purchased and will be installed as time permits. A new bench for the Christmas tree island has been delivered and needs to be installed. The two remaining teak benches need to be resealed. Jerry will assist John with all of these tasks.

Safety

We still have many free motion detectors for interested neighbors. We can put a reminder in the next newsletter about their availability and how they work.

No new business was brought up and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.