

Minutes from the CCHCA Board of Directors Meeting-January 15, 2008

CCHCA Members in Attendance: Katie Baxter-Gagen, Hildie Carney, Alexis Adamson, Judy Frasier, Steve Caruso, Katy Sidwell, Steve Lescure, Ernie Klimonda, Yanji Lama, Lisa Whetzel, Ana Alanso, John Sabo, and Jill McNeil

Minutes from the CCHCA Board of Directors Meeting on November 14, 2007 were approved.

Board of Director Reports:

Katie Baxter-Gagen, President,

- A “Neighbor in Need” request was posted on the Yahoo group for a resident who requested assistance raking her leaves. Several residents volunteered and the leaves were raked.
- The “Holiday Decoration” program was successful and signs were posted in the yards of the winners. Ernie and Dia served as judges.
- The “Adopt- a- Family” program was also successful. Approximately \$300.00 was collected and delivered to the family by Steve Lescure, in the form of a grocery gift card and a gift card to Target.
- The nominating committee will commence in March 2008. VP Social and Secretary are the only openings for 2008-2009. Steve Caruso will chair the nominating committee. Alexis, Dia, and Hildie will serve on the committee. Posting requests for assistance in filling positions on the Yahoo Group has been helpful.
- A motion was passed to donate \$100.00 to the FHS All Night Graduation Party.
- Two of the signs are partially broken, Katie will oversee the repairs.

John Sabo, Treasurer,

- There is currently \$4031.79 in the account. The Restricted Balance is 2072.47 and the unrestricted balance is 1959.32. A transaction report is available for the record.
- A \$25.00 state registration form for tax exempt status has been received by Dia. Additionally, the Yahoo domain registration fee is also due, which is about \$90.00. John will pay both.

Katy Sidwell, VP Membership,

- Katy presented a written plan for the membership drive.
- A reusable more durable sign will be created by Chris to use each year and advertise that May is membership month.

- Ernie and Hildie suggested that personal contact with nonmembers is the best way to increase membership. Nine out of ten residents will join when a personal home-visit is made. Katy will assign members to make home visits to non-members who are slow to join.
- A membership raffle will be held at the “Ice Cream Social.”
- A “Chili Dinner” at the commons with new members and the Board of Directors will be planned, tentatively for March 22, 2008, which is the day of the “Spring Egg Hunt.”
- The directory update will be postponed until fall 2008. This is the addendum year.

Ana Alanso, VP Publications,

- Alexis Adamson has assumed responsibility for the publication of future newsletters. The pending newsletter was not completed before the end of the year. Ana will complete the editing and publication of the newsletter and it will be distributed shortly, by January 29, 2008. The following newsletter submissions deadline will be April 4, 2008 with a publication date of April 18, 2008.
- Ana and Alexis will confirm who has paid for advertisements in the newsletter and who should renew.

Lisa Whetzel, VP Social,

- Santa visits were successful. Santa requested additional time with each family next year as this year’s schedule was too tight. Santa was compensated for his time.
- Depending on the response from the upcoming newsletter advertisement, an adult-only “Progressive Dinner,” where groups rotate through each others homes for the four courses of a meal, will be scheduled on April 5, 2008. Guests will bring the food and beverages, pot-luck style. Jill Toth has offered to assist.
- We have been invited to co-host the adult only Old Lee Hills cocktail party at Old Town Hall. Lisa will contact the coordinator and advertise the event in the newsletter.

Hildie Carney, VP Civic Affairs,

- Hildie was asked to chair the Counsel of Associations, which meets 3 to 4 times per year. The mayor requested the formation of the Counsel of Associations so that various associations within the city can work cooperatively on issues which affect the entire city. A survey was recently sent out and a core group was formed. A kick-off meeting will occur at the end of February 2008.
- Contact Hildie with any Blenheim questions or concerns. Hildie attends Blenheim meetings once every two weeks.

- There is a proposal before the city council to redo the historic block of downtown, which would include the loss of the historic garden. Go on the city web site and view the various proposals and then e-mail your input to the counsel. Hildie will keep us informed. Katie would like the city to move in a “green direction” on construction projects and will request LEED certification on projects.
- The proposed community center at Van Dyck Park is slated to be placed where the skate park and playground are currently.
- There are two open spots for city counsel, elections are every two years.

Steve Caruso, VP Community Affairs, Adopt-A-Spot,

- As a result of Steve’s contact with the City of Fairfax the path to FHS will be repaved.
- The next cleanup will be in June 2008.

Nasrin Lescure, Common Area,

- Nasrin hired someone to help maintain the commons area. He worked for a day and one-half and did a great job. We will ask Nasrin rehire him and offer additional money so that he can accomplish more, focusing on the more skilled work. A yearly budget will be developed.

Ernie Klimonda, Webmaster,

- The Yahoo group has approximately 200 members, almost twice as many as two years ago.

Welcoming Committee, Yanji Lama,

- Yanji will not provide the names of new residents for the directory in case they would like to opt-out.
- Yanji welcomed several new residents, some with children. Most houses are now off the market, only 3 remain. Homes are selling for various prices. Homes with gas heat sell better than oil. Lot shape and size and updates to homes also impact price. More people appear drawn to CCH due to the improved schools and downtown development.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at 7:00 on Thursday March 13, 2008 at Dia’s house. The General meeting will be at 7:00 on Thursday, May 15, 2008 in the cafeteria at Daniels Run Elementary.