

**UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 A.M. by the president, Arnold Martin.

Board members present were: Arnold Martin, Esther Nachimson, Jim Wells, Martin Kahn, Nell Ann Hunt, Barbara Hull, Anna Walther, Al Taylor and Fred O'Dell

Board members not present were: Charles Schmidt, Charles Hosler, Garland Sherrod, John DeMarco, Don McGee and Jennifer Davis. Committee chair, Pat Andres was present

Guests present were: Julie Miller and Shelly Park representing Farine Elementary School.

Arnold Martin welcomed guests, Julie Miller and Shelly Park and explained the make-up of UHAOH to them and expressed our purpose of discovering how we could be of service and/or aide them so Farine will become the most outstanding school in preparing the students for the future.

The president asked minutes of the November meeting be accepted as posted on the internet. They were accepted unanimously. Copies of the minutes for the annual meeting were not available because of technical difficulties. Acceptance was tabled until the January meeting.

Anna Walther motioned to accept the slate of officers elected at the annual meeting. Al Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A questionnaire was given to attendees that indicated six areas of interest for volunteer opportunities. Names of several volunteers were gleaned.

The floor was turned over to Ms. Miller and Mrs. Park to present to the board the essence of the curricula at Farine. They thanked the board for the assistance given at the recent school carnival. Arnold explained that our purpose was to relate to and be helpful to the school. Realtors showing homes in University Hills seem unaware of the advantages of the diverse population available at Farine.

Mrs. Park, who is married to the Vice President of ATMOS Energy, explained that they chose to move to UH simply for the education they would receive at Farine. She said she and her husband were looking for a diverse, bilingual education for their children and were overjoyed with the education their children were receiving at Farine and in the IISD.

Julie Miller, principal of Farine Elementary School, addressed the advantages of the IISD and her school specifically. Recently, Farine fell in the ratings from Exemplary to Recognized because of the lower scores in science. This was being addressed. She said they have students from a large number of countries. Students who have been through their language program could be able to opt out of 2nd language classes and get college credit after the 8th grade.

Asked how UHAOH members could be of service to Farine, Ms. Miller suggested mentoring some students in motivational concerns and reinforcing curricula taught. Sitting and reading with children is a powerful tool in learning.

Ms. Miller stressed that perception is different than reality. Today's children are believed to be rude and socially maladjusted. At Farine, manners have been recognized and stressed in all aspects of learning since 1996. 360 of Farine students are involved in community service. She emphasized the needs of the children are always more important than the needs of the adults. When Arnold asked about a "lunch-buddy"

program for volunteers, Ms, Miller stated that was complicated in that parental permission would be necessary to procure for safety reasons. At that level, volunteers would need to have background checks.

Arnold suggested to the board we could help in the new playgrounds planned for all Irving schools. We as an organization need to make brochures available to all real estate companies and this would be a good project for our volunteers. We will try to have a brochure available for approval at the next board meeting.

Arnold thanked Ms. Miller and Mrs. Park for coming. He asked the board to consider adding several more events to our calendar to involve our membership. Events to consider would be: 1. adding a Halloween event
2. An adult get together. Budgets will need to be appropriated to cover costs of any new event.

Nell Anne passed out the monthly real estate report and stated there have been fewer foreclosures than in the past—3.

Pat Andres announced that the homes will be judged for their Christmas/Holiday decorations on Wednesday, December 15.

Fred O'Dell urged that he will need a definite date for the date and time of the next Spring Fling at the January meeting, in order to set up to arrange for food and entertainment,

Jim Wells reported that too many letters were being returned and postage was being wasted. He suggested a change in the way the labels were printed to: Name of Resident or Current Resident in case the family had moved. We agreed that would be a good solution to the problem.

The next meeting of UHAOH will be at the Las Colinas Country Club, Tuesday, January 4, at 11:30 AM. If anyone is planning to eat please arrive at 100:A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M. There was no Yard of the Month for December.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Nachimson,

Secretary