

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by the immediate past president, Arnold Martin.

Board members present were: Anna Walther, Jim Wells, Gail Wells, Don McGee, Tom Hopwood, Eva Klassen, Nell Anne Hunt, Pat Naylor, Rick Lindsey, and John DeMarco.

Board Members absent were: Jen Austin, Kathrine Pennington, Steve Schreur, and Charles Schmidt.

The minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting were presented. John DeMarco motioned the minutes be approved. Don McGee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gail Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2015. Assets are \$35,665 and the YTD Income is \$8, 666. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John DeMarco. Rick Lindsey seconded it and the motion passed.

In response to a query, Jim Wells advised that membership dues had been received from 225 residents. This is less than last year at this time and much less than the target of 275. The second Membership Campaign letter mailing was made at the end of February.

Eva Klassen reported on the solicitation effort for ad sales in the upcoming issue of the 2015 UH Residential Directory. Progress has been slow. This is attributed to the lack of renewals by the advertisers in last year's issue. Although the deadline for advertising input is fast approaching, ad revenues secured to date are quite low. Eva requested assistance from other board members in contacting 1 -3 potential advertisers while going about their daily affairs. This would be most helpful towards achieving the target ad revenue.

Eva Klassen referred to prior discussions about the style and format of the new edition of the UH Residential Directory. A poll was taken of the board about its size, i.e. notebook (half-page) vs. full size (8.5 x11 inches). It was agreed that the full size will be continued for the 2015 edition. Eva, Kathrine Pennington, and Jim Wells will meet to decide on the style enhancements for the new directory.

Jim Wells brought the meeting up to date with developments since the last meeting at which the requirement of a federal tax return filing by UHAOH was raised. The revenue or income threshold that may have allowed UHAOH a waiver on filing in prior years has lapsed. Also, there doesn't seem to be any records for the incorporation &/or registration of UHAOH with the Texas Secretary of State &/or the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts. The latter would seem to cast doubt upon our exemption from Sales Tax. In seeking information Jim Wells and Arnold Martin met with Scottie Ashley, an attorney who represented UHAOH when the original articles of the association were established. A contingent issue is the liability of the board members if UHAOH were not a registered organization.

Considerable discussion ensued and recollections made by Arnold Martin, Don McGee, and others respecting the origins of our homeowners association and its various re-incarnations. However, no firm conclusions could be drawn.

Pat Naylor graciously offered to research these issues, clarify them, and provide a summary in a form that will permit full understanding and allow for decision-making by the board. Jim Wells will assist in this effort. Rick Lindsey added that the exemption from Sales Tax ought to be a priority because the vendors for the Spring Fling are requesting a copy of the UHAOH certificate.

Nell Anne Hunt presented a Realtor's Report on market activity in University Hills. Nell Anne noted that only 4 homes are currently listed for sale in UH. That is the lowest number that she's ever seen.

Nell Anne outlined the arrangements for the Star Gazing Event. It will be held at Wingren Park and will start at 7 PM on Saturday, March 28. Soft drinks and pizza will be served prior to the star-gazing. Dr. Richard Olenick, Professor of Physics at UD and a UH resident will conduct the program. Gail Wells along with Tom and Jan Hopwood offered to assist with the reception table.

Nell Anne reported on some favorable developments in Irving ISD. Nell Anne also noted that the cadre of residents from UH who volunteer at the Farine Elementary School are greatly appreciated by the teachers and administrative staff as well as by the students and their parents.

Tom Hopwood announced that 3821 Acapulco Court (Craig and Aimee Ruhl) had been awarded the Yard of the Month for March.

Rick Lindsey reported on the status of arrangements for this year's Spring Fling. The date is Saturday, 9 May starting at 4 PM. All vendors have been secured and Rick is applying for the permit from the City of Irving. The cost of liability insurance is \$600; its cost was about the same last year.

Rick Lindsey noted that the IPD annual Banquet for the Family Advocacy Center will be held on Monday, March 30, 2015. UHAOH is a Silver Sponsor hence is entitled to one table seating 10 persons.

Rick Lindsey asked about a point of contact at UHAOH for Capt. Steele of the Irving Police Department with respect to the arrangements for National Night Out. Eva Klassen expressed interest in taking on this responsibility.

Don McGee summarized discussions about honoring Martin Kahn for his many services to UHAOH over the years. Don proposed a metal plaque with an appropriate inscription be installed at the rotunda in Wingren Park. The cost would be about \$370. Don motioned to approve spending up to \$500 to honor Martin Kahn with this plaque. Pat Naylor seconded and the motion passed.

There being no other business to conduct and it being 1:07 PM, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Lindsey seconded and the motion passed.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on April 7, 2015; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco, Recording Secretary

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