

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M. by the president, Tom Hopwood.

Other board members present: Charles Schmidt, Kathrine Pennington, Jim Wells, Eva Klassen, Anna Walther, Nell Anne Hunt, Suzannah Cronenwett, Claudia Bracero, and John DeMarco.

Others present: Michael Basoco, Chairman of the UHAOH Welcoming Committee.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the October board of directors meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2017. Total Assets are \$ 31,740 and Net Income is \$ 2,680. (N. B. These financial reports also will apply for the Annual General Meeting of the Membership which will be held on November 14, 2017.) Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the report as presented. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

On behalf of Terri Roan, Chair of last month's National Night Out, Tom Hopwood led a critique of the NNO arrangements. Overall the event went well. Attendance was reckoned to be about 100 despite the impending rain storm. Expenditures appear to be within the budgeted amount. The remarks made that evening by Chief Spivey of the Irving Police Department were thought to be most appropriate. Also speaking at the event was Oscar Ward, City of Irving Councilman for Place # 5.

Charles Schmidt remarked about the absence of a liability insurance policy for the NNO event and asked if a blanket policy to cover all UHAOH events throughout the year might be better than the current ad hoc arrangements. All were in agreement this matter ought to be explored. Jim Wells will assemble a dossier of the Liability Insurance policies arranged for recent UHAOH events for review by Charles. Tom Hopwood will liaise with Rick Lindsey who was thought to have investigated this issue on a previous occasion..

Anna Walther and Kathrine Pennington reviewed the status of preparations for the Annual General Meeting. Various assignments were confirmed. Jim Wells will organize a robo-call to augment the other channels of communication being used to promote this event to residents. Tom Hopwood received affirmation from Kavin Schieferdecker about prizes for the special drawing available to Gold and Platinum Level members. Leo Hull will reprise his role as MC of the event. Don McGee will conduct the business meeting part of the event.

In a vote conducted by Tom Hopwood via email on October 19, 2017, the board approved a subsidy of \$2 per meal ticket for those who wish to partake of the dinner service that has been arranged for the AGM.

With Steve Schreur and Rick Lindsey in absentia, Anna Walther conducted a review of the arrangements for Deck the Hills (a.k.a. Celebration of Lights) which event will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Because her other responsibilities and obligations have increased recently, Eva Klassen reluctantly advised that she must resign from her Board membership and from her duties as Communications Director. Jim Wells volunteered to assume the Communications Director duties with immediate effect. All thanked Eva for the many contributions she has made over the past three years to the board and all the members of UHAOH.

Respecting “Our Neighborhood Magazine”, the monthly social magazine exclusively for residents of University Hills, Alto Vista, Fox Glen, and Country Club Place, Michael Basoco informed the meeting that December 5, 2017, is the deadline for input to the first issue. (The initial issue of this publication will be distributed to residents in February 2018.)

Tom Hopwood proposed that the review of the magazine’s UHAOH content be accomplished as part of each monthly board meeting. In due course, a sole party from UHAOH might be assigned the role of liaison between UHAOH, Michael Basoco, and Neighborhood Networks Publishing (N2) .There were no objections to this proposal.

In a separate communication Michael Basoco confirmed that he and N2 can accept the November 2018 publication date for the UH Residential Directory. (This relates to the Directory discussions at the October Board of Directors meeting.)

Tom Hopwood addressed the issue of resident information. Currently this is stored in several UHAOH data bases associated with the directory, membership dues, mailing lists, etc. Tom recommended a small but select group be assembled to assess what might be done to rationalize, unify, consolidate, purge, expand, and validate these data while maintaining full security and privacy. Tom further suggested this ought to be a priority because UHAOH needs to provide N2 with an accurate mailing list for the social magazine. Nell Anne Hunt volunteered. Jim Wells and Kavin Schieferdecker also will be members. Anna Walther remarked that after the election of UHAOH directors at the AGM and the election of the Officers of the December board meeting, it will be clear as to what other members of the group may be needed.

Tom Hopwood announced that Don McGee, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, is assembling a slate of candidates for the four directorship positions with terms expiring at end this year.

Tom Hopwood advised that Kavin Schieferdecker has graciously consented to serve as Chairman of the UHAOH Membership Drive for 2018.

Nell Anne Hunt presented a Realtor’s Report dated October 31, 2017. Currently 4 homes are listed for sale in University Hills. One home is listed for sale in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood reported that # 613 Sonora (Barbara and Vernon Schoemaker) was awarded Yard of the Month for November. Tom also noted that the judging for this year’s 40- and 50-year Home of Distinction awards was complete.

Tom Hopwood advised that the start date for the Hidalgo-Las Colinas Water & Wastewater Improvement Project has been postponed from November 2017 until April 2018.

Tom Hopwood distributed a budget worksheet which will be sent around via email to all board members. Everyone is encouraged to bring forth their best thoughts and ideas about the appropriate activities and programs to constitute the UHAOH budget for 2018. This matter will be the subject of discussions at the next meeting.

Tom Hopwood and Charles Schmidt advised that the judging for the Home Holiday Lighting will take place during the second full week of December (December 11- 15). This will allow enough time for all participants to erect their displays. As usual there will be ten Holiday Spirit Awards and one Best Overall award. Michael Basoco, Chair of the UHAOH Welcoming Committee, advised that the stock of carry bags which are being

gifted to new residents by the committee is about exhausted. Michael proposed to replenish the stock at no cost with a new batch of carry bags. These will be larger in size, colored green, and embellished with the UHAOH logo (white). In addition, the bags would display a reference to Our Neighborhood Magazine. Anna Walther made a motion to accept Michael's offer. Nell Anne Hunt seconded and the motion was carried.

With the time being 1:08 PM, and with no further business to conduct, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Walther seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on December 5, 2017; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco,
Recording Secretary
11/26/2017