

UNIVERSITY HILLS ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Tom Hopwood, President.

Other board members present: Anna Walther, Charles Schmidt, Sherri LeVan, Jim Wells, Nell Anne Hunt, Kathrine Pennington, Terri Roan, Suzannah Cronenwett, and John DeMarco.

Others in attendance: Michael Basoco, Chairman of the New Resident Welcoming Committee.

John DeMarco presented the minutes of the January board of directors meeting. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Terri Roan seconded and the motion was carried.

Jim Wells presented the Treasurer's Report for the date of January 31, 2018. Total Assets are \$ 35,356. Net Income for the period since November 1, 2017, is \$ 3,690. Charles Schmidt made a motion to approve the report as presented. John DeMarco seconded and the motion was carried.

Anna Walther and Sherri LeVan conducted a drawing for the early responders to the 2018 Membership Campaign. Over 140 members qualified for this drawing by remitting their dues and their up-dated resident information ahead of the January 31st deadline. Awardees will be notified.

Tom Hopwood referred to the 501c3 Certification Proposal Summary attached to the notice of meeting sent out on January 30, 2018. In the ensuing discussions, Jim Wells and Charles Schmidt provided further elaboration on the proposal they had developed. Anna Walther made a motion for UHAOH to apply for the 501c3 Tax Exemption status which was seconded. The motion was carried.

Charles Schmidt will submit the application along with the supporting documents to the IRS soonest. Although the IRS application does not require submission of UHAOH's Bylaws, it was agreed that some modifications to the Bylaws would be in order. This will be attended to in a timely manner with target date no later than the next Annual General Meeting.

In the absence of Kavin Shieferdecker, Tom Hopwood commented on the 2018 Membership Drive. While dues collections to date are encouraging, it may be just a shift in timing compared to prior years. A plan for further efforts in the dues collection process is needed. A postal card mailing and more detailed analysis of the dues payers (and non-payers) compared to last year were mentioned as possible actions.

Michael Basoco displayed a preview of the March issue of "Our Neighborhood Magazine". Several items relate to University Hills; Star Gazing event, UHAOH Membership benefits, and the Holiday Spirit Home Lighting Awards. Michael offered Board Members access to the issue via Dropbox which was readily accepted by many.

Tom Hopwood reviewed the most recent 2018 UHAOH Budget Worksheet which was attached to the notice of meeting sent to board members earlier. Nell Anne Hunt suggested a more appropriate amount for the Star Gazing event is \$600. All other items and budget amounts were satisfactory. Anna Walther made a motion to approve the budget with the amount for Star Gazing changed. This was seconded and the motion carried.

Jim Wells asked if there were any alternatives to the present arrangements for installation, maintenance, and take-down of the light displays for the Deck the Hills event. At \$2,500, this was the highest single expense item in the UHAOH expense budget.

Charles Schmidt reported that he's obtained two bids for the multi-event Liability Insurance policy. Switching from ad hoc arrangements to an all-event, i.e. blanket, policy was approved at the January meeting. Charles will continue his unrelenting efforts to obtain another quotation and secure the policy.

On behalf of Rick Lindsey, Tom Hopwood reported that the City of Irving study on the traffic has not commenced. Rick is in contact with appropriate parties at the City of Irving and at Irving Police Department about this issue. Oscar Ward, our Representative on the City Council is alert to the situation, as well.

Tom Hopwood provided a further update on the Hidalgo, La Vida, Rosita & Vera Cruz Water and Wastewater Improvement Project. Actually, it will proceed in two phases. The second phase encompasses the extension from Hidalgo across Balboa and the Las Colinas Country Club to a connection along John Carpenter Freeway.

Nell Anne distributed a Real Estate Report dated February 6, 2018. Currently there are 3 homes listed for sale in the UHAOH area with one of these located in Alto Vista.

Tom Hopwood announced # 3600 Wingren (Grady and Rhonda Dickens) was awarded Yard of the Month for January 2018.

Tom Hopwood mentioned that the next Village Presidents Meeting, which is hosted by the Las Colinas Association, will be held on February 22, 2018. An item for discussion will be some intra-mural activities, e.g. bowling tournaments, amongst teams from each HOA .More details will become know at the meeting.

Jim Wells remarked that UHAOH has enjoyed a good relationship with the LCA over the years through Mr. Rick Bidne, its former president. With Mr. Hammond Perot installed as LCA President late last year, it would be timely for UHAOH to introduce ourselves to the new president and to take the opportunity to bring forth our concerns.

Michael Basoco and Charles Schmidt reminded everyone that the Launching Party for "Our Neighborhood Magazine" will be held later today at Salons in the Commons.

With the time being 1:07 P.M. and with no further business to discuss, John DeMarco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherrie LeVan seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting of the UHAOH Board of Directors will be held on March 6, 2018; same time and same place.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeMarco
Recording Secretary
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