

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING, AUGUST 5, 2014

At Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 74th Street and Ward Parkway

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Secretary Jon Rand, board members Maureen Hardy, Laura Lavalley, Carol Gould, Laura Lynch, and Aaron Schwartz.

Mr. Haar called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

June minutes were approved.

Ms. Baker said it was time to start working on next year's budget and that the board should soon review the budget for the past fiscal year to make needed adjustments.

Ms. Hardy reported that the May garage sales were successful.

The Fourth of July picnic received favorable reviews, especially for the size of the crowd, about 125, and appearance of Royals mascot Sluggerr.

Mr. Rand reported that 10 T-shirts have been sold for \$10 each. He was informed that three were given away as picnic prizes. There are 87 shirts left.

Mr. Haar reported the Friends of Hale Cook grant applications have been denied because the school is located on private property. The question was raised whether we should instead pursue a PIAC grant to help the school.

It was suggested that Councilman John Sharp and State Rep. Jeremy LaFaver be invited to the annual board meeting to perhaps gain support for projects such as speed humps on 72nd Street and improvements for Hale Cook School.

Ms. Baker said a neighbor who volunteers at a pet shelter would like to make a presentation at the annual meeting, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

Ms. Baker said she would check with Julie Hull to confirm the dates of the annual food drive.

Ms. Baker reported that the holiday lighting contest would be conducted during the second weekend in December, from 5-10 p.m. all three days.

Ms. Baker said caroling would be held on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

Ms. Lynch reported on the progress she and Julie Wittman have made rebuilding the WPHA website. She said the site will represent our "professional appearance to the world" and include information about WPHA governance, and neighborhood demographics and history. She said she will secure and pay for the site's domain and set up an email address for website users to contact the board.

It was discussed which items should be transferred from the defunct website to the new one.

Ms. Baker discussed the need to update our membership roster and find names of residents who are listed only as "current resident." It was suggested that we ask volunteers to knock on doors and identify these residents.

Ms. Lynch said she might be able to identify those residents by buying a list from a marketing firm.

Ms. Baker asked for suggestions on a date for the board's next progressive dinner. The choice was October 11 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Lynch, Baker and Hardy volunteered to host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.