

WARD PARKWAY HOMES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2015

Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, 74th St. and Ward Parkway

Present: President Frank Haar, Vice President Alison Baker, Treasurer Gaye Tillotson, Secretary Jon Rand, and board members Carol Gould, Laura Lynch, Dennis Young and Julie Wittman

The April minutes were approved.

Neighborhood Night Out, our annual open house, was discussed. It was well attended but Mr. Young pointed out that the stairs were difficult to navigate for some elderly residents and that the room was cramped. Mr. Haar said he was not satisfied with the food.

Ms. Lynch suggested planning more parties like Neighborhood Night Out, and cutting expenses on food and drinks. Mr. Haar said we should consider that we have exceeded our budget in recent years before spending more on these events. Mr. Haar suggested September would be a suitable time for a second event.

Ms. Tillotson reported a bank balance of \$39,806.23.

Mr. Rand reported that we have a lineup of seven gardens for our garden tour June 14. Ms. Baker said we could use her tent to provide shade for Hale Cook community gardens. Ms. Wittman said she would design fliers and Mr. Rand said he would have them copied and distributed in late May.

Preparation for the Fourth of July picnic was brought up. Ms. Baker said she might be out of town. It was discussed whether to apply to the city to close off 73rd street between Jefferson and Pennsylvania. Ms. Baker said she could get the required signatures, and Ms. Wittman said she would check on whether we could get the street closed.

Ms. Wittman reminded the board that a mile of Ward Parkway will be closed for Cycle in the City on May 16, also the second day of WPHA garage sales.

Mr. Rand reported the May and June Home of the Month is 7433 Madison, owned by Mike and Anne Flynn.

Ms. Wittman reported on the data she has added to the website.

It was discussed whether we need to consult WPHA attorney Aaron Schwartz on whether we need to protect ourselves legally from residents who might suffer break-ins despite having requested a vacation watch. Ms. Baker suggested Lynne Madeo send everyone an up-to-date roster to check whether residents requesting vacation watch have paid their security dues. Mr. Haar provided the contact information needed for requesting vacation watch.

Ms. Baker said the WPHA membership drive for 2015-2016 is coming up with letters going out August 1. She asked Mr. Haar to compose his annual letter. Ms. Baker addressed the issue of pro-rating late payments for new residents. It was determined that was not feasible.

Mr. Rand said the summer newsletter would be copied by the end of the month. Ms. Gould requested an extra 50 copies for the welcome kits.

Ms. Gould questioned whether homeowners' guides for welcome kits should be reordered. Ms. Lynch suggested replacing them with WPHA tee shirts.

Ms. Lynch asked whether the new noise ordinance covered residential as well as commercial properties. Mr. Rand said he would check into that.

The next board progressive dinner, featuring appetizers and cocktails, was set for July 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.