

HCA Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, August 13th, 2017 at 6:30 pm
10202 Lariston Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Attendance:

Margie Goergen-Rood (President), Kimberly Pfirrmann-Powell (VP), Andrew Harris* (VP-Programs), Ken Harringer* (Treasurer), Heather Thomas (Secretary), Luann Spiller (Past-President), Jeff McNeil (At-Large OH), Virgil Tudor* (At-Large WH), Tom Helfand (At-Large WH), Ava Penny (At-Large HF), Lillie Brown (At-Large HF), Ross Sutton* (Bulletin/Garden), Mary Myers-Nelson, Clay Teunis (Watch), Russ Harris* (Web), Eileen Finnegan (Zoning), Bill Thomas (Developer Liason), Shana Davis-Cook* (Bylaws)

** Not present*

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

- Business items:
 - Meeting minutes from last general meeting in May were not available. **Heather will send out for email approval.**
 - Discussion of communications protocols and updates needed to the mailing lists and organizational emails. **Heather will make the updates to the google & yahoo groups, and work with Ken to update the forwarding of the hillandale-md email addresses.**

- Printing: Virgil has been working with Minuteman Printing in Bethesda for both the Directory and Bulletin printing now that CHI has closed their print shop. **Heather will prepare the Directory and send to Minuteman in early September and Virgil will work with them to get a quote for mailing the Directory; Ross & Virgil will have Minuteman do the next Bulletin.**
 - Depending on the cost to mail the Directory, we may also consider delivering them by hand with volunteers
 - It was also noted that the payment to CHI for all prior Bulletin mailings -- including an estimated cost for those that they never billed -- was delivered to the facility.

- Park Potluck: Consideration of rescheduling the Park Pavilion gathering that was rained out back in May. **Margie will work with Andrew to see if there's a good time to reschedule or if we should just wait for spring.**

- Schedule: Board Meetings in alternating months, typically on the 2nd Wednesday; General Meetings in between, typically on the 3rd Wednesday; the Holiday Party on first Sunday in December
 - September 27th at 7:30pm - General Meeting
 - October 11th at 7:00pm - Board Meeting
 - November 15th at 7:30pm - General Meeting
 - Holiday Party on December 3rd

- Sept 27th General Membership Meeting Preparations: The topic will be Traffic Safety
 - **Eileen will get Margie the contact for Department of Transportation experts who could speak on the topic**
 - **Clay will contact Commander Jones for a representative from the police**
 - **Bill & Lillie will send out & present the results of the Traffic Survey**
 - **Ava & Tom will bring refreshments**

- Speaker & Meeting Topics for the Future: Other speaker options considered include
 - Winter Preparedness (maybe better as a handout)
 - Montgomery County At-Large Candidates forum
 - Other representatives like Tom Hucker, Jheanelle Wilkins, or John Sarbannes
 - Disaster Preparedness talk offered by Montgomery County
 - Short Term Rental (aka “AirBnB”) rules (better for the spring once it is more settled)
 - Volunteer opportunities in our neighborhood

- School Grant Program: \$200 grants set aside for each our four neighborhood schools. **Mary will reach out to the principals.**

- Short Term Rental (“AirBnB”) Legislation:
 - Any testimony or letter must be provided by September 12th. The timeline precludes using a SurveyMonkey or other data gathering option at this point. **Board members must provide any last minute feedback and Eileen will draft the HCA position.**

- Troubled Property Meeting:
 - Eileen & Margie will attend a soon to be scheduled meeting with county representatives regarding the Hillandale property in regular violation of housing codes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm