

Minutes for the February 11, 2016 Orchard Hills-Maplewood Board Meeting at Clague Middle School

Present – Frank Commiskey, Greg Jagst, Emily Eisbruch, Anne Karabakal, Martin Torsh-Ishii and Pete Mooney

Guests – Deanna Sakimoto, Mary Morgan, and Jennifer Oldham

1. Call to order.
2. Agenda. No vote was taken on the agenda due a lack of a quorum.
3. Minutes. No vote was taken on the November 12 minutes due to the lack of a quorum. It was agreed that a later vote would be taken either between meetings or at the May meeting.
4. Treasurer - No vote was taken due to lack of a quorum. The board discussed categories of expenses incurred by OHMHA, and how percentages of paid members varied by street.
5. Vacancy - The Board discussed with both Deanna and Jen the possibility of filling the vacant board position. Greg described the obligations of board membership, and some of the recurring projects such as the Fall Festival, garage sale, assisting TNC with pond restoration and candidate forums. Jen expressed an interest in the Fall Festival and working on the pond project.
6. Delivery of newsletters - Greg stated that he has most of the neighborhood accounted for. Denana and Jen agreed to help deliver.
7. Planning for May newsletter - Topics include the annual meeting, garage sale and pool update. Pete agreed to invite an annual meeting speaker and several names were discussed. Greg agreed to check on the date of the Thurston Ice Cream Social and availability of the media center as a room for the meeting.
8. Fall Festival Planning - Greg explained that this Fall will be our 10<sup>th</sup> annual festival. There was a discussion of inviting more musicians, including possibly the Community High School Jazz Band. Jen said we could check out speakers from the library, and offered to help with planning. Frank agreed that music is a big draw. Jen asked about using the OHAC bathrooms, and Frank agreed to check with Bo on this.
9. AGM online voting - Anne reported that we can vote online. There is no way to check the status of dues payments by the voter with online voting now, but that is also true of paper ballots.
10. Thurston Nature Pond - Frank reported on the status of the restoration. One concern is that the sediment bay area is not fenced in yet. Frank is working with the schools on this issue. Frank said that TNC is considering what types of fish

to stock the pond with. There will also be a survey of spring peepers and wood frogs. The project is moving onto phases 2 and 3.

11. Georgetown Wall - Jerry was unable to attend but indicated that the city was supportive but needs additional information regarding our plans. He also explained that, to the extent that the proposed reconstructed/redesigned wall doesn't comply with zoning, an application for a variance will require \$500.
12. Next meeting - The next meeting date was set for May 12 at Clague.