

ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 7:04 pm.

Present: Wendy Carman, Dave Hibbs, Amy Seetoo, Joe Trulik, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Jack Cederquist, Anne Karabakal, Greg Jagst and Pete Mooney.

Minutes – After a discussion regarding putting the updated bylaws on the website referenced in the minutes submitted before the meeting a motion to approve corrected minutes was made by Joe and seconded by Amy, and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report -- Dave described the amounts in the Huntington Bank and Paypal accounts, payments to Erin Reichert for weeding and Emily for Mailchimp reimbursement. He also mentioned that dues payments were down. A motion to approve was made by Pete and seconded by Jack and passed unanimously.

Budget and Finance – Wendy reached out to Paypal and the issues regarding the Huntington/Paypal accounts are resolved. We can now link them together though Dave suggested not having them linked. Paypal can send a check to transfer any funds from Paypal to Huntington. Amy moved that all funds from Paypal be transferred to Huntington. Dave made a friendly amendment to leave \$100.00 in Paypal. Pete seconded Amy's motion with Dave's amendment. The motion as amended passed unanimously. Dave indicated that Paypal is requesting our EIN.

Nominating Committee—no update

Membership – Wendy reported that she and Amy met to discuss adding members and recruiting a new board member. Wendy said that paying dues adds a sense of belonging. We discussed setting up 12 districts within the neighborhood with each board member responsible for a district. Wendy also discussed taking the membership list responsibility away from the treasurer although some of that work is less onerous now with fewer physical newsletters and more dues being paid by Paypal. Dave indicated that the Paypal account shows who has paid, and emails a confirmation when a new payment is received. Jack asked what the ratio is of membership payments between Paypal and check, and Dave estimated it is 50/50 between the two methods. Wendy recalled that long-time board member Anita Jones went house to house and collected from 80 percent of her neighbors. Also, we discussed having an annual year in review in the newsletter. Dave mentioned thinking about things we might want to do with existing and additional funds as way to support fundraising.

Welcoming Committee – Jerry is up to date on new residents. We discussed needing to update our records on Cedarbrook sales.

Landscaping – City acknowledged that we are taking care of the entrances and that we are entitled to free mulch.

CPOT – We talked about the various responsibilities associated with Community Partnership and Outreach Team. Amy spoke to the Ann Arbor police and looked at crime mapping to see crime stats and our neighborhood came up as the safest. Amy mentioned that the police recommended “hinge locks” that are more secure. Jack asked if the crimes stats presented in the Observer were comprehensive. Greg said that he wasn’t necessarily interested in affiliating with CPOT but would be open to inviting a police representative to a meeting or event. We also discussed using Nextdoor to share information about CPOT

Park Access – We can designate certain things we want to emphasize in terms of funding for the park in connection with our \$500 donation. Wendy and Jane toured the park with the parks employee Scott Spooner and two others, and discussed improvements that were needed. Wendy indicated that we did not donate to the Thurston Nature Center this year. Dave made a motion to give Jane discretion to communicate our preferences to the City and to deal with any issues regarding our donation and Amy seconded. This motion was passed unanimously.

Masks/Covid Aid – Jerry and Jack confirmed that we did not receive masks to distribute.

Email – Wendy confirmed that all board emails are working.

Community Forum – We’ll have an event and will invite OHMHA, OHAC, Bromley, the PTO, etc. The Thurston Players group might take part as well. We agreed on March 20 at 4 on Zoom, and that we would use the email list and NextDoor to promote.

Rules on Email Use – We agreed that the email should not be used for an event or service not directly sponsored or connected to OHMHA. We talked about various issues with the solarize program.

Quorum/Votes Between Meetings – We discussed email/virtual vote between meetings and the requirements for same in the bylaws.

Newsletter – We agreed that it would include articles about the Community Forum, the Nature Center, CPOT and attracting a new board member.

Next Meeting – We agreed to meet next on April 13.