



Freemason Street Area Association

March, 3, 2015
Harbour Place Condominium
Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 pm

Roll Call – members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Ginger Van de Water, Shirley, Marie Torrans, Sarah Whiting, Greta Gustavson, Buster Wilson, Gerry Roth, Jennifer Cordovana, Harold Protsman, Madeline Sly, Randy Lyall, Mike McCartney and Jeff Brown.

Members sending regrets: Spencer Darrow, Betty O’Garr

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes from the January General Membership meeting were emailed prior to this meeting and no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Shirley Ward reported that including the checks given to her at this meeting, the treasure had a balance of \$2,584. Bills have been sent out to all condos and the following remain outstanding: Pilot House, River Park, and the Jamestown.

Committee Reports:

Pagoda:

Madeline Sly advised that the Pagoda was hit hard by the severe weather, including a burst pipe. Repairs have been made and it is expected to reopen in April. The Pagoda will be providing box lunches for the House & Garden Tour.

Community Events at the Pagoda:

Madeline Sly recommended that we set the dates for the community picnics as May 24 (Memorial Day); July 4th; and September 6 (Labor Day). The following items relating to the picnics were discussed:

- The proposal presented last year by Julie (Pagoda Manager) to handle all aspects of the picnics including promotion, collecting reservations & payments and making name tags. In return, FSAA and Pagoda Foundation would split 10% return. The board decided not to pursue this option.
- The performers selected to play at the picnics and their cost. The board recommends that the music needed to be more in line with the make- up of neighborhood; Mike Binetti would be a good choice.
- Motion to continue to pay \$150 towards to cost of music for each event was made by Madeline Sly, seconded by Mike McCartney. Motion passed

Nominating Committee:

Jack Kavanaugh appointed Jennifer Cordovana and Greta Gustavson (chair) to the nominating committee. He will contact Linwood Beckner to see if he would serve as the non-board member on this committee.

The following board members are up for reelection: Les Friedman, Gerry Roth, and Ginger Van De Water. There is also one vacancy due to Bill McKeever’s resignation and the committee will need to determine if he previously served as the representative from the Historic district as per the by-laws. If so, a person living in the historic district will need to be elected.

Historic Oversight Committee

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Gerry Roth reported that since the last meeting, the committee has considered applications from the Cordovanas and McCartneys. A formal request has not yet been submitted from Steve Sigmon (Kenmure House). State Farm (Bute Street) removed its sign after being notified that it needed a COA to put it up.

The board further discussed ways to make homeowners aware of the requirements to get a COA before moving forward. The following ideas were made:

- As the City mails letters to homeowners within the historic district once a year, could the City mail a letter to new homeowners upon the sale. Gerry will contact Susan McBride.
- Mike McCartney advised that real estate agents are required to reveal if the property is in a historic district. He suggested that we contact REIN to see if they can expand the information details.

Olde Wythe, a historic neighborhood in Hampton, has expressed interest in meeting with us to see how we handle these items. Gerry will contact their President, Melanie Newton.

EARNN & Clean Up

Sarah Whiting reported that the next neighborhood clean up will be Saturday, April 18th. This will fall within the Great American Clean Up timeline and will be just before the garden tour. The board discussed the need for residents keep up their “tree boxes”; Randy Lyall advised that the City does not want ivy planted. Jack requested that residents email him if they see a sidewalk that needs to be repaired he will compile a list and report it to the City.

General Membership Meeting:

March 18th at the YMCA. The speakers will be Kurt J Krause, Managing Director of The Main Norfolk, and Christine Morris, Chief Resilience Officer with the City of Norfolk. We will send out a modified newsletter; articles are due to Greta ASAP.

Board Member Announcements:

Harold Protsman thanked everyone for the kind words and cards.

Greta Gustavson announced that the Garden Club of Virginia will hold its annual home & garden tour in Freemason on Thursday, April 23rd and handed out brochures. She thanked Jack & Ann Kavanaugh for hosting the homeowners’ reception.

Marie Torrans reported that the replacement of the roofs continues at Archers Walk and to be careful as you drive by. Brick masons will be working on the sidewalk on Yarmouth & College.

Mike McCartney reported that he has a new roof.

Shirley Ward offered kudos for the Geico Gecko Commercial; she saw it in Boston.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59.