

SCLA Board Meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2010

Sandy Hale, Michael McGowan, Cynthia Southerland, Phil Auldrige, Heidi Scholz, Ben Fletcher, Kim Ort, Teresa Ravet, Mary Clarkson

Kim began the meeting at 7:35 pm.

New board member-at-large, Cynthia Southerland was welcomed to the meeting.

Motion to approve March minutes

Ben Fletcher reviewed the budget. Ben offered a spreadsheet since he is experiences problems with Quicken. There was some discussion about the audit of the books. Gary Hale offered to audit. Ben has spoken to John Hoag and John told Ben that he doesn't think Ben knows what an audit is. Audit needed to check expenditures and income. Phil talked to John and he said he was interested in doing the audit so there is obviously a miscommunication. Michael M. will ask Hoag why he doesn't want to do the audit. Ben doesn't think John is licensed and Kim suggested that Ben and Michael contact Hoag together to find a solution.

Safe Deposit Box- was opened by Ben and Teresa. Teresa has the contents, so there is nothing in the lock box now. Ben and Teresa have keys for the box. Question: do we really need to pay for a SDB when we don't have anything of great importance to keep in one? Teresa stated the binders in the box were full of dividers, nothing else. Ben suggests closing the lockbox. We are paid up through October and Board voted to close after October. Someone else has the big white binders with old meeting minutes. Sandy will try to track some down. Michael sent Phil all the minutes he could find but cannot find any from 2003.

Bank covered the cost of opening the box for us.

\$180.00 dues were paid by new members at the garage sale. There is one family who did the sale but has not joined yet.

Heidi gave report of food booth at the garage sale and gave Ben a check for \$86.00 that is the profits from the sale. Considering the expense and hassle, Heidi does not think the food booth was worth the income. Exception would be a booth selling only breakfast tacos.

Teresa sent a thank you note to John at AMM for hosting the garage sale.

Egg Hunt- Sandy reported 15 children participated. Edith will submit receipts for the candy. Ben will issue a check to her. Phil suggested that we have it on the weekend and Edith tried to find a date that worked that didn't interfere with the church egg hunt.

Next event will be National Night Out in October. Ben will be in charge as Weldon Jarrett declined the offer. Ben asked for volunteers. Will try to find a chairperson for each section and will want to find hosts. First Tuesday of October is National Night Out.

Oktoberfest-Kim will be in charge. She believes we will have the popular jumping cage and offer tables for residents to sell crafts just in time for holiday shopping. Gary has reserved the ranch.

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Infrastructure:

Gary Hale-

Dumpster is still in the road on Hidden Hills. They have been notified. IESI was called about the trash cans in the street, but there are still some streets with cans obstructing traffic. Phil sent a letter as well referencing both to the operations manager and got no response. Recon is cheaper and Phil is going to switch. Lots of spots on Hidden Hills have cans in the road. Someone is going to post IESI rates on google group and asked that everyone else post their companies so everyone can compare.

Landscaping-Wayne Wieglet will submit a bid. One member stated a bid had been taken already. Gary is to clear up the confusion.

TxDot is scheduled to begin work on S. Canyonwood and 290 any minute according to Karen Ford. Going to repair turn lane.

Cynthia Southerland- talked with Larry at LNM Muffler about cleaning up the back area of his business. Larry was less than receptive. She asked him to place landscape materials out of sight of residents.

Action item:

Cynthia asked that Gary go visit him and see what he can get him to do.

Cynthia proposes a "Don't Mess With Sunset Canyon" around the neighborhood on a regular basis. She would like organized times where residents walk the streets and pick up any trash they see.

Ben walks and picks up trash and would like an official SC trash bag. We need a logo for the bag. Heidi can make a bag for Ben. Heidi suggested selling them at Oktoberfest.

Kim asked for a motion on the proposal.

Action item: Teresa asked that infrastructure to review Cynthia's idea and report back to the board.

Phil Auldridge reported on the newsletter.

- will use "occupant" for each address

- if residents don't like the newsletter, they can go on the web page to opt out.

- deadline for information is April 10, 2010 for inclusion in the next issue.

- Phil concerned about how to keep our membership list accurate.

- Holly has given up her position as member in charge of the newsletter. Phil will take over for now.

- Phil wants a feature "yard of the month" where he will select a home, take photos and interview the resident. Teresa asked how he'll get yards nominated. Kim suggested that we stop feeding the deer.

- Regarding the resident who wanted to post his resume in the newsletter, the board does not wish to appear to endorse any candidates so he will have to purchase an ad if he wants to be included.

Phil purchased DREAM WEAVER and is quite content with it's capabilities. His computer crashed but he has ordered a new one so should be up and running soon.

Phil asked about other propane companies giving us a break on gas. Sandy will check with AMERIGAS about the rebate they provide SCLA.

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The Deeds (CC&Rs) Committee had a discussion regarding the Taddia letter and decided to draft a more standardized letter for ALL new construction in SC. The intent is to begin, again, the review process in order to advise owners on deed restrictions. I am working on this letter. And Kim does want to make sure all new construction receives a copy

Cynthia suggested we return to the Dripping Springs City Council and ask for another review based upon a new law that has been passed. ETJ's not have more authority. She has a neighbor who is an attorney and can advise us but not legally. We need to look into it again, because it may save us a little money on council. Kim stopped the conversation and said we've already decided to hire an attorney to see what kind of rights we have. We have to get the entire membership to vote in order to spend over \$1000 and to hire an attorney.

The board reiterated that we will hire an attorney from outside the neighborhood to review our deeds and by laws.

Cynthia offered to assist us with the purchase of insurance. She enforced the notion that board members should have insurance. Heidi mentioned that Tammy is an agent as well and she offered to help as well.

Teresa will ask Matt if he needs any help since he is so busy at the moment.

Sandy Hale-Welcoming committee has 33 homes to visit (for sale or sold). She is ok with helpers at the moment but it is hard for her to get to everyone.

Ben- we have over 200 members now per Robert George

Teresa-

92 invoices have been sent to owners of Nasour lots. She will wait 30 days then send a statement. Finally, we can put a lien on the home, if necessary. Teresa suggested that an invoicing **procedure** and/or **habit** is needed regarding this the Nassour lots. Discussion suggested Ben take over the job since he is treasurer. Quick Books can take care of the system. In the future, Robert's reports will be on Phil's' system-data base driven. Michael suggested we don't use the term "lien" until we hear from our attorney.

Discussion about sending reminders and/or invoices for residents on non-Nassour lots. Send "gentle" reminders about dues being due. Add something to the newsletter and web site requesting payment. Sandy reminded us to remind residents that dues are January to January, not October to October.

Ben stated we have a credit card for the Association. Consensus was to not allow board members to use any credit card but to have Ben pay back residents with expenses as he has been doing.

Phil set up a GO-DADDY account. He is having trouble getting our domain name transferred over from the old company.

No new business.

8:35 Michael moved to adjourn. Ben second.