

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the July 9th, 2008 Board Meeting

Board Members Present

The board meeting took place at The Mixx. Present at the meeting were Ann Nixon, Lindsay Wood, Matthew Stevens, Aryn Roth and Ann Schleih.

Minutes: Ann Schleih.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT - Lindsay

- Lindsay made an announcement that he and his family are moving to Lee's Summit. It is with great sadness that we lose a witty, ambitious and dedicated board president. The commitment Lindsay has for the board is shown with the numerous neighborhood improvements which were done during Lindsay's one year term as board president! The board is happy for the Wood family and wish them well as they adjust to their new neighborhood. Farewell! (Tissue, please.)

- Effective August 1st, Aryn Roth will replace Lindsay as our new board president. Lindsay intends to email the board with a formal 'regime change' announcement.

- Aryn Roth recently joined the board in April of 2008. Having been a resident for many years and a daily neighborhood walker and watcher of activities, Aryn is quite qualified with a wealth of neighborhood history and information. In addition she has taken on the role of newsletter editor and designer. It is with appreciation that the board welcomes our new president. Congratulations, Aryn!

SECURITY - Lindsay

- A very cool security website to check out! Visit www.crimereports.com for a Google map interface of crime reports across the country for city/police jurisdictions that have subscribed to this service. Kansas City Police Department is a subscriber. A crime report breakdown is shown with the labels on the map. A browser can sort by proximity, type of crime, period (days), etc. Additional charts analyze crime trends, number of crimes, percentages, etc. A crime alert email can even be sent to you daily, weekly or monthly

SECURITY TRAINING - LET'S GET NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNS!

- The Neighborhood & Community Services department is offering a two-hour block watch training on various dates and locations in the city. Registered groups that send 3 or more people to these trainings will be eligible to receive Neighborhood Watch signs for their area – FREE of charge!

- The board is interested in the Thursday, October 9th training at East Patrol Division, 6:30-8:30pm. At least three people (could include neighbors, spouses) are needed to attend. Ann S. will call for more information and to reserve. Please pencil in the date on your calendar to attend this training.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK - Matthew

- The evening before Labor day, Sunday, August 31st will be our Movie Night in the Park.
- Matthew agreed to contact Front Yard features to reserve the date.
- Aryn called the city about reserving the park. She was told it was a first come first serve and no reservations were needed. Apparently the city waives the reservation fee for the park for these movie events, but the need for no reservation was baffling.
- Movie selections– first choice: Toy Story; second: ET, third: Babe the Gallant Pig.
- Sell concessions to offset the \$150 for the movie and screen rental. Sell foods from Costco. Renting a popcorn machine would be fun.
- Kirby will have HACCD send out a postcard announcing the event when it is confirmed.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE - Chuck

- The date for the annual barbecue is Saturday, September 13th.
- Lindsay has requested that the board members begin collecting donations for the silent auction. The auctions items are what help offset the cost of hosting the neighborhood event.
- Food option from last meeting's discussion is Backyard Barbecue, and supplementing with some healthy food options from Costco.
- Music can be CD's from everyone's favorite music choice.
- Gary will use the kid's games and toys from last year.
- Kirby will take care of the permit to have the road blocked off.
- Rental: tent, tables, chairs, and a portable bathroom.

DUMPSTER DAY - Lindsay

- Lindsay is planning to have Dumpster Day on Saturday, August 16th, 8:00am to 12:00pm
- Dumpsters are \$50 each, one for trash and another for yard waste.
- Board members, Kirby and Matthew, and any other willing neighbors will be asked to help that day.

NEWSLETTER - Aryn

- The newsletter is underway thanks to Aryn! The content is pretty much gathered and with some minor reformatting, the newsletter could be ready soon and delivered to neighbors by the end of the month.
- Newsletter content: president's letter, movie night in the park, dumpster day, barbecue, home of the month, new neighbors, etc.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Free Movie Night in the Park - Sunday, August 31st (day before Labor Day)
- not confirmed.
- Dumpster Day - Saturday, August 16th. 8:00am to 12:00pm.
- Neighborhood Barbecue - Saturday, September 13th. 5:00pm set-up, 5:30pm social/firetruck/kids activities, 6:30pm food served, 8:00pm silent auction ends.

NEXT MEETING

- Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 - 6:30pm at The Mixx.
- Look for an email confirmation regarding future meeting dates. Meetings will return to Thursday evenings: September 11, October 9, November 13, December 18. Meeting time is 6:30pm. Location is at The Mixx unless a board member offers to host. Meetings will be on the second or third Thursday of the month, but are subject to change or cancellation.

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