

WESTWOOD PARK HOMES ASSOCIATION

93rd Annual Meeting Minutes - Thursday, May 7, 2015
Pembroke Hill School

Board of Directors
Members Present

Aryn Roth - President, Ann Nixon - Vice President, Kirby Upjohn - Treasurer, Ann Schleihs - Secretary, Teresa Larson - Security, Dick Nelson - Newsletter, Martha Nagley - Island Beautification. Minutes: Ann Schleihs.

The Annual Board Meeting took place at Pembroke Hill's cafeteria. Neighbors began gathering at 6:00pm for refreshments and socialization. The meeting started as scheduled at 6:30pm. About 25 people attended.

WELCOME

- Thanks to Pembroke Hill School for providing the meeting space and refreshments.
- Handouts of the treasurer's report and last year's minutes were available for attendees.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Aryn introduced the board members thanking everyone for their contributions.
- Term dates expired for Martha Negley and Teresa Larson, who have had significant neighborhood involvement, but will not continue as board members. Thanks to Martha who helps oversee the plantings and landscaping and to Teresa for her passion in neighborhood issues.
- Aryn welcome to our newest board member, Marita Wesely! Terms are three years.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGES

Westwood Park welcomed about 35 new neighbors within the last year. There are several home renovation and construction projects ongoing in our area. Homes are currently selling fast as the neighborhood continues to be a desirable location.

APPROVAL OF 2014 MINUTES

- Last year's annual meeting minutes were approved. Annual and monthly board meeting minutes are available online at www.ha-kc.org along with the Westwood Park board roster, newsletter, bylaws and treasurer's report. Information for all the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC) can be found on the website as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Kirby Upjohn

- Kirby presented the treasurer's report detailing expenditures for 2014.
- WPHA experienced financial setback. The association likes to have a least two years of operating expenses in reserve and a large portion of that was used for legal expenses.
- Kirby provided a handout charting the financial breakdown of the association's expenditures. Legal services topped the list followed by island upkeep, which was considerably higher than in previous years due to fountain repairs and maintenance.
- There are 320 homes in Westwood Park Homes Association. A number of homeowners are delinquent in paying their annual dues. A lien is placed on the home when the amount due reaches \$100. A house cannot be sold until the lien is paid.

MOTION TO INCREASE DUES

- After some discussion the room agreed to increase the voluntary dues from \$60 to \$80. The increase will become effective in 2016. Base fees are about \$7.

SOCIAL MEDIA - NEXTDOOR.COM and FACEBOOK

- Nextdoor is a safe, secure and fast way to relay information exclusively to Westwood Park neighbors. Neighbors are encouraged to join this free network.
- Also, neighbors can request to join the West Plaza Watch Facebook group, a very active group that oversees suspicious activity in the surrounding neighborhoods as well as lost and found pets.
- If there is an emergency or any suspicious activity neighbors are advised to call 911 immediately.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION - Ann Nixon

- Ann N. gave an overview and update for the three islands, bridge, stone markers and the park.
- Ann N. and Martha oversee the plantings, mulching, mowing, painting, repairing and general maintenance. Thanks to Ann N. and Martha for their diligence in keeping the green spaces tidy and blooming all these years!
- The fountain on Ed Holland island was installed in 1998. Due to age and deterioration, the fountain needed considerable costly repair last year.

MAILINGS, NEWSLETTER & NEW DIRECTORY

- Neighbors needing a new directory can contact the HAKC at 913-385-2440 to request a copy.
- Mailings will continue for special announcements and events such as the annual meeting, garage sale, dumpster days, annual picnic and the WPHA bill.
- Social media has been the preferred, fastest and most efficient way to share news. Publishing a neighborhood newsletter is costly and time consuming.

EVENT DATES

- June 6 - Garage Sale
- June 13 and October 10 - Dumpster Days (Homeowners delinquent in paying dues cannot participate.)
- Date TBA - Annual Picnic, Pizza in the Park

MEETING CLOSE

- A big thanks to Aryn for all her diligent hard work and another successful meeting.
 - Aryn concluded the annual meeting and thanked everyone in attendance. Watch future postings online for neighborhood information. The board looks forward to seeing everyone at neighborhood events throughout the year.
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