

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1/15/2013, 7:02pm CST
Meeting took place at the Beacon on Main Street.

Those in attendance: Joe Grego, Mike O'Neil, Mario Vasquez, Jim Kraus, Kathy Arthur, Neighbor Kelly Lynch-Stange.

7:02pm- The meeting was called to order.

7:05pm Treasurer's Report/Finance – Per Treasurer, Mario Vasquez, we are in excellent shape financially and currently have \$71,000 in our bank account. Bills paid in the most recent 30 day period include a total of \$4,900 in expenses for December. Of this, \$2,700 was for fall work conducted by our Landscaping contractor, The Yard Barber of KC. Additionally, our Christmas/Holiday gift to KCPD was paid in the amount of \$200. Other bills included enhanced security.

7:14pm Communications/Social – Newsletter went out electronically. There were no comments received by neighbors. **CountrySide Web Site** - Neighbor, **Kelly Lynch-Stange**, attended and spoke to us regarding developing and maintaining a CountrySide Homes Association Website. The idea behind this is, among other things, to provide forum, store documents, neighborhood updates, photos, and potential for selling advertising spots. This would be in addition to the Facebook Page that we currently operate. Kelly has offered to provide an estimated cost to set up and maintain, as well as an example of what the site would look. She will present these items at our next meeting. Kelly also suggested that she may be willing to maintain the site on a volunteer basis. We like that idea. **Movie Night** –We are targeting April 20th for this event. The movie being considered is “The Sandlot” and the total cost for the movie and projector would be \$800. HOA to cover this expense as part of our “Social” budget. Targeting **Dumpster Day** for the 3rd Saturday in May, including a shredding event. And the **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, March 30, beginning at 10:00am. We'll need to clearance from STA, and will need a new organizer now that Maria Sullivan has relocated.

7:10 pm Safety – Kathy Arthur reports that things have been quiet from a safety standpoint. Very little news to report. Seasonally quiet time of year. There was an armed robbery at 51st & Baltimore. An armed man approached and robbed a woman as she was trying to find her keys to enter her apartment. This is an area that is not well lit. Always be aware of your surroundings! The KCPD has appointed a new Major for the Metro Patrol as well as a new Captain.

7:20pm Neighborhood Development/Traffic Update – Kathy Arthur met with Ed Wolf and Brittany Gamble regarding the proposals for traffic control in the neighborhood, with the pending development slated to take place in the months to come. The primary concern at this point is obtaining financing for the improvements that must be made in order to manage the flow of increased traffic in the neighborhood. Details will be provided as they become available. There is a Country Club Right of Way Advisory Committee meeting being held at Second Presbyterian Church on 1/29/13 to discuss their plans. Joe G to attend and report back.

7:35pm – Islands/Maintenance – Tom Dubbert of the Yard Barber of KC would like to present a proposal at our February meeting. Tom will present a renovation plan for our Island located at 55th & Westover, using the Landscape Design Plan that we had obtained in 2010 when we had originally planned on moving forward with renovating this island.

Resistance from the neighbors that had been maintaining the island for many years forced us to put our plans on hold until such time as the neighbors were amenable to the idea of allowing the HOA to manage and renovate the island. That day has arrived!

7:45pm – Old Business – Bryant School – No new news. Academe Lafayette is looking at Bryant as a possible expansion project. No significant details available at this time.

7:50pm – New Business – Proposal to move meeting date was approved. Going forward, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Beacon on Main.

7:50pm – Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 @ 7:00pm. The Beacon on Main.
Joe Grego, Loyal Secretary, Countryside Homes Association.