

Countryside Homes Association Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1/21/2015, 7:10pm CST

Due to lack of available space at Nick and Jake's on Main Street, meeting was held at Pizza 51.

In attendance: Jason Pryor, Terry Rodeghier, Joe Grego, Jim Kraus, Mario Vasquez, Kathy Arthur and Evan Stange.

7:15pm- Call to order. December meeting minutes unavailable due to Christmas Light Judging.

7:19 - Finance/Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mario Vasquez presented. As of December 31, 2014, we have approximately \$65,000 in cash in the bank. Dues receipts for the month of December 2014 totaled approximately \$4,000. Expenses included security expenses, and landscaping/maintenance totaling \$5,700. Kathy has suggested we add a personal, hand written note to the next billing round to try to increase participation and decrease delinquency rate. In order to accomplish this, someone will have to visit the HA-KC in advance of the next mailing and write a personal note on each invoice set to be mailed.

7:26 Main Street Update- We should be ready to begin our Main Street modifications beginning in early April. This consists of adding decorative islands in the middle of Main Street, beginning roughly at 52nd Street, and continuing to 55th Street. We are currently seeking landscape architects for design ideas for these islands as well as our other islands. A budget must be determined for these islands as well as a budget for beautification of Westover/Wyandotte Island.

7:35pm Safety/Neighborhood Watch – Car Thefts and Theft from Auto remain a challenge. There have also been a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood where individuals are kicking in French Doors to gain access during the day when people aren't home. The message remains the same. Be alert. Report unusual activity, regardless of how trivial it might appear. Report strange vehicles and individuals by calling 911.

7:41 Social/Communications – Upcoming events include our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, and our Spring Dumpster day on May 16, (both on the grounds of St. Teresa's Academy) and our Annual HOA Meeting to be held at Visitation Church/Tighe Hall (catered by Mark Blanck) on April 15. Joe G to confirm dates with STA and Visitation. Also mentioned was holding a neighborhood Garage Sale with a date very close to Dumpster Day. Whitney Arthur is interested in taking on the task of organizing the Easter Egg Hunt in the future and Shannon Pryor will transition the event over to Whitney beginning in 2016. Our **Annual Meeting Agenda** will consist of some of the following items: Treasurer's Report, Development (51st & Oak, 51st & Main, Board of Trade Building, Main Street Beautification, Traffic Calming), Elections (Terry and Mario have expiring terms and will not be re-running), 501C3 Status, and possibly considering a political forum. The concept of a **Neighborhood Service Corp** was discussed, with the intent being an offer to assist neighbors in need. Lengthy discussion ensued.

8:40pm Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: February 18, 2015 at 7pm at Nick & Jake's on Main.