

PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2023
Village Presbyterian Church

Minutes - Approved

Board members present: Pat Roberts, Ron Nelson, Cheryl Murphy, Merrie Morris, Loreen Buccigrossi, Catherine Fedotin, Sharon Prothe

Board members absent: Patty Newsom

Meeting was called to order by Pat Roberts at 7:01 pm

Minutes from the July board meeting were approved with no comments

Officer reports

President Pat Roberts – no report

Vice-president – no report

Treasurer Ron Nelson –

Waiting on report from HA-KC with update on dues collection.

Bank of Prairie Village has connected with Pat, Ron and Doug Luther of HA-KC in regard to the HOA's CDs and the signatory cards are now signed

Secretary Merrie Morris – no report

Committee reports

Social Committee

All set for Fall Festival: October 8 from 2 to 4 pm at Porter Park. Board members are asked to be there by 1:30 and stay for the entire event. Permits and reservations completed. Catherine has sent out an announcement. Ron will bring music and water; Sharon will help with cooler and ice.

Signs will need to be put out on October 1 and picked up after the event

Communications

Catherine presented a set of drafts of a new logo. There are currently two different logos in use and she would like to use one consistently. She talked through some of her ideas including

portraying the neighborhood as family friendly while reflecting the trees and how old the organization is.

Islands Committee

Pat and Cheryl did a driving tour of the islands; there are issues but they look surprisingly good given how hot and dry the summer has been. The island at Oxford Street will probably need additional funds next year. Also Canopy will look at different plants to replace those that did not survive this year. The focus will be drought tolerance but the challenge is that drought-tolerant plants often need a lot of sun, while much of PV is in shade.

Canopy has been watering once a week at a cost of \$25 per island, which is less expensive than purchasing new plants that have died from lack of water.

This fall Canopy will do a fall fertilization and leaf clean up.

Diversity committee – no report

Home of the month

Sharon thanked Catherine, who has been helpful with posting on the website.

August – Natalie Drake at 5208 W. 73rd Street

Natalie is excited to be included and is sending her own photo. Currently awaiting answers to her questionnaire.

If anyone would like to nominate a house, Sharon would be glad to get suggestions. She will be looking for additional houses for the fall, and is planning on taking the recognition into Christmas.

Pat says that we are getting more positive reactions online.

Chicken committee

Cheryl reported that at least one additional household has started keeping chickens without going through the approval process required by the HOA.

After discussion, it was decided that at the November meeting, a decision will be made on how to proceed – whether to enforce the rules, relax the rules, or outright ban chickens within the HOA boundaries.

Until then, Cheryl will look into how other HOAs in PV are handling chickens including whether any HOAs have banned them, and whether neighbors or residents have complained to the city about chickens.

Old business – none

New Business

Several board members were targeted by online scammers directing them to make payments on behalf of the HOA. Because these emails used other board member names to enhance credibility, nearly every board member was referenced in at least one scam.

In order to avoid this situation in the future:

- Catherine has removed personal emails from all websites, etc. Anyone contacting the HOA will go through the Info@ email monitored by Cheryl, who can handle them as needed.
- When someone receives a scam that is targeting the HOA, all board members need to be alerted (via email or text). If an email or other communication looks suspicious, board members should reach out to each other to confirm the situation.
- Whenever possible, invoices should be forwarded to HA-KC, who will send a check to the payee. However, since that is not always possible (the social committee often has to pay a deposit to reserve a vendor very quickly for example), each committee is responsible for paying its own bills. Pat has the forms that need to be completed to get reimbursement from the HOA via HA-KC. From now on, an event, project, etc. does not need to be completed before a board member can be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. This is to avoid the situation where a board member has to wait weeks or even months to be reimbursed for expenses they have paid for with their own funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.