

Whiffletree HomeOwners' Association

Board Meeting

March 1, 2021

(Meeting delayed from February due to the Texas Ice Age power & Internet outage.)

6:03 pm: The meeting was called to order by Jim. The meeting was held on Zoom due to COVID19 precautions.

2020-2021 Officers Attending (indicated with a ✓):

- ✓ Jim Skelly – President
- ✓ Tommy Mrazek – Vice President
- ✓ Bill Ostergren – Treasurer
- ✓ Lisa Kravitz – Secretary
- ✓ HB Bartz – Membership Committee Chair
- ✓ Tom Dixon – Beautification Committee Chair
- ✓ Angela Hurn – Social Committee Chair
- ✓ Tom Moore – Crime Watch Committee Chair
- ✓ Lucy Lorenzo – Welcoming Committee Chair

Minutes of January Board meeting:

- Tom D. moved to approve the minutes, Jim seconded, Board approved.

Treasurer's Report – Bill

- Cash balance is positive compared to the same time last year
- 2020 (calendar year) spent more than received, so negative balance for the calendar year
- Slight concern about mailbox rate increase.
- Expenses for Neighborhood USA (Electronic newsletter & best neighborhood application fees.)
- Jim mentioned a Neighborhood USA convention that he will attend – and wants volunteers to attend some of the sessions.

Membership -HB

- Sent email to all residents to renew memberships. Email, Nextdoor, Facebook. Also, will send snail mail for all residents without email addresses (approx. 150).
- 67 memberships as of today. (record membership for February. Started earlier than previous years.) some new members.
- HB ordered new "from" envelopes. Ordered 2021 stickers.
- Tom D. & HB will place the "Time to Pay Your Dues" signs at the neighborhood entrances. Bill suggested not to put them up too early, since we leave them up late into the year.
- HB to get help from Gary Basham. Also, Jeff Kurtz may be interested.

Welcoming – Lucy

- Lucy welcomed two new households to the neighborhood.
- Still doing mugs
- Still working to get bakery coupons.
- Lucy asked for WHOA self-addressed envelopes – HB will deliver these.

Crime Watch – Tom Moore

- 3600 Asaro (House that burned down)
  - Current homeowners to restore the house
  - Neighborhood kids hanging out at the abandoned location
  - Officer Chris Biane, Crime Prevention for PPD, was contacted and advised Tom to request extra patrols in the area.

- Tom Moore will make the request; Jim will update concerned neighbors.

#### Beautification Report – Bill for Tom Dixon

- Tulips starting to sprout!
- Caravan landscaping delayed due to wet weather. Two crepe myrtles will be moved. If weather cooperates, the landscaping should be started in ~2 weeks.
- Landscape damage at other entrances due to weather – the plantings are guaranteed. Clymer may have some cost.
- Kim Dixon is resigning as YOM leader. Thanks to Kim for her service! Tom thinks that he can find someone to step up for YOM duty from the beautification committee.

#### Social – Angela

- Ideas for possible social events
  - MiCocina truck for Cinco De Mayo, possible idea – May 5 is Wednesday or maybe Mother’s Day
  - Car show event was a good idea and might work better in nicer weather – there was a lot of interest expressed (Maybe a Father’s Day event?)
  - July 4 may be possible this year.
  - Angela asked about budget since we didn’t do a January event. The Board agreed to support social activities.

#### Other topics:

##### AirBnB – 3400 Snidow

- 220 responses ~93% were opposed.
  - Comments were included in the document sent from Jim to the board.
- Discussion about amending the covenants.
  - Update the covenants to remove old/archaic rules
  - 3 different covenants for each section of Whiffletree
  - Tom D. says to limit the changes to the short-term rental issue. Also, don’t change a lot of covenant rules before dues are collected.
  - Covenants can be accessed from the County Clerk. Jim will send email with covenant docs for all sections
  - Legal action would be executed to enforce the covenant agreements if neighbors do not comply. There is a general concern that we do not enforce some of the covenant bylaws.
  - We also want to be flexible and welcoming to our neighbors, while keeping with the level of the neighborhood.
  - Jim to discuss adding the amendment with the lawyer.

#### Annual meeting:

- Jim asked for anyone who will resign. No one offered to resign.
- Lisa to send Jim the slate for 2021-2022 Board.
- Annual meeting will be virtual again this year.
  - Jim will send potential dates to the WHOA Board for selection. Possibly April 5.
  - Jim wants to invite a speaker to give a presentation on something of interest to the neighborhood. Recycling, crime prevention, fire safety are some ideas.

Jim moved to adjourn, and Tom seconded, Board approved.

7:04pm Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 15 , 2021 at 6pm on Zoom.