

THE MEADOWS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Board Meeting
June 16, 2010

The regular quarterly board meeting of The Meadows Neighborhood Association was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010, in the home of Keith Kinney, 7116 Blairview Drive, Dallas, Texas 75230. Keith was the presiding officer.

The following board members were present:

George Adams – At-large member
Mike Anderson – Membership Chair, At-large member
Mark Backofen – Treasurer
Tim Chapman – Crime Watch Chair
Jan Gragg – Vice-President
Keith Kinney – President
JJ Pepper – Social Chair
Karen Peterson – Communications Chair, At-large member
Robbie Rice – At-large member
Gail Seward – Secretary

Absent were Susan Luterman, At-large member and Arik Garner, Civic Affairs Chair and At-large member.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a spelling correction made to Susan Luterman's name.

Treasurer's Report

Mark presented a report of income and expenses for the last 3 fiscal years and YTD numbers for the current year. The balance on hand was \$xxxxxxx as of May 31, 2010. Included with Mark's report were detailed statements of receipts and expenditures for the last 2 fiscal years.

Mark announced that a free Google Voice number has been established for The Association which will replace the Voicemail number currently in use and eliminate the annual expense of approximately \$140.

He clarified that the annual Sign Insurance expense of approximately \$250 is a mandatory cost imposed by the City of Dallas and is based on the city ordinance allowing neighborhood signs.

Fall Neighborhood Party

JJ announced that The Association will hold its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off this fall since the 1st one last fall was such a success. The date was set for October 24, 2010, with November 7, 2010 as an alternate date.

JJ also suggested incorporating a fundraiser at the party. Robbie recommended having a silent auction. After discussion, JJ offered to set up a small silent auction that included items from her home décor showroom.

Barricades

The barricades currently being used by The Association do not meet the City's requirements, so Tim researched the cost of replacing them and submitted a report to the Board Members for review. Based on data from eBay, Tim found that a replacement set would cost somewhere between \$150 and \$200.

Keith reported on his recent finding that American Barricade (contracted by Oncor) would provide 4 barricades and "Road Closed" signs for \$47 per use. They would drop off the items on Friday afternoon and pick them up Monday morning. It was agreed that using American Barricade would be the best choice since it would eliminate the issues of storing, hauling and replacing.

Crime Watch

Tim reported that he recently sent out 2 emails to The Association members - one included suggestions on what you can do to protect yourself, and the other was a copy of the Daily Crime Report from the Dallas Police Department detailing the crimes in The Meadows' police beat.

Membership

Tim reported that 74% of households in the neighborhood have email addresses. He said that he would send that list to Mike as Membership Chair. Discussion was had on how to communicate with members who don't have or don't use email, the importance of block captains as neighborhood communicators, and how new neighbors are identified.

George agreed to serve as chair of the Block Captains Committee. He will identify existing or new persons who are interested in being block captains and determine their duties.

Welcoming Committee

It was suggested that a team approach might work well for keeping up with new residents and making sure that they are "welcomed." Robbie and Mike said they would contact several ladies who they thought might be interested in working together on a team. It was agreed that this group would fall under Membership.

Communications

Karen reported that she would send out a monthly newsletter to The Association members and encouraged everyone to submit news. Robbie recommended a monthly courtesy reminder for bulk trash pickup on the 3rd Monday.

Beautification

Keith noted that Lynn Sloan is indeed moving, so a replacement is needed to chair this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.



Gail Seward, Secretary