

Minutes of Steeplechase Homeowners Association Board Meeting  
October 28, 2018, 7-8:05 p.m.

- All Board members were present except Marty Wiles.
- All Members Officially Approved Minutes of September 16, 2018, which had been approved via email previously and posted at the SHOA website.
- Next Board Meeting Scheduled: Sunday, December 16, 7 p.m.

All

- Again the Board was compelled to discuss dues.
  - Dues will be on the agenda for the 2019 Annual Meeting in May.
  - It is now decided to bill homeowners \$60 in January 2019 and try to obtain a quorum at the Annual Meeting or through a letter ballot to establish a quorum to make the dues \$60 permanently.
- All on the Board voted yes to rescind the vote by the previous Board to raise dues to \$100.
- All on the Board voted yes to bill dues in January at \$60 and include the projected budget.
- An official quorum vote of homeowners will be obtained to set the yearly dues at \$60 by:
  - Terry's letter explaining the need for \$60 to include a date to respond with their vote.
  - If no response is received by that date, the homeowners will be assumed to vote yes to set dues at \$60 per year.
  - That the dues are mandatory will be stated in the letter.
  - The reason is that the bylaws are 30 years old.
  - This vote will be reviewed at the annual meeting.

Mike

- Gave a review of the current budget and 2019 spending projections. He stated that \$60 per household will give a balanced budget into the future.
- This budget does include \$400 payment to Mulberry Gardens as we did receive an invoice to pay Steeplechase's half as had been agreed upon. Mulberry Gardens should be paying this without Steeplechase funds in the future.
- Chuck Rainier advised that the budget for the block party picnic could easily go down \$500. The 2018 party was a learning experience as the Picnic Committee did not have any notes from which to work from previous years.
- Denny felt it is not necessary to have the \$1,000 placeholder for any future legal fees.
- Will send dues invoices out in early January 2019, after Terry sends an email alerting people to the new amount along with budget projection in late December 2018.

Karen

- Ladies Tea:
  - So far 8 have signed up, 2 declined, 3 will decide later.
  - A Reminder will go out from Punchbowl around November 28.
- Post a message to vote on November 6 on message board at front of allotment.
- E-Newsletter: Possibility of a December e-newsletter to be published in January.
  - Topics:
    - Ladies Tea
    - Reminder to keep sidewalks clear of snow

- Tree Removal by Mike Sorboro Phone 330-801-2816 and GP Trees phone 330-699-9964
- Neil reported that the October E-newsletter file posted TheSteeplechaseHOA.com had been opened 200 times.

#### Chuck

- Chuck will get a quote for planting multiple trees on the SHOA-owned vacant lot on Steeplechase Lane.
  - Returning the strip of land currently mowed to its natural state will eliminate mowing costs in the future.
  - This topic will be added to the Annual Meeting Agenda as it will be a capital expenditure.

#### Terry

- Will call Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks to let them know not to save any more milk jugs for us.
- Will advise people assigned to deliver luminary candles to get them out whenever is convenient because 2 people have already distributed to their sections of the allotment.
- Will find 5 people to serve on the Nominating Committee
- Send email to all neighbors in late December 2018 stating that they will get their invoices for annual dues of \$60 along with the 2019 budget projections in early January
- Send a letter to all with a specific date to respond

#### Neil

- Will put up the Christmas wreaths with white lights on Steeplechase walls.
- Tentatively plans to add white lights to the one tree in the Mulberry island with Denny's help.