

HVHA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Cottage Grove Elementary School

Kristi Johnson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30

Board Members Present

David Thiede, Kristi Johnson, Dana Frey, Bill Dwyer, and Rick Fryar

Not Present

Russ Eigenheer

ACC Present

Helen Brosnahan, Catherine Stemper, and Darcy Wall

Also Present

Tammy McKissock, HVHA Admin Asst and 16 homeowners

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Catherine Stemper gave a brief description of the ACC process and a summary report of the types of requests submitted. She also reported the average response time 3 days. Catherine invited all the homeowners present to join the committee.

Year End Financial Report

David Thiede provided a financial reports which included the fact that 1 homeowner still owe their annual dues from 2012. A small amount of income was collected in 2012 from late fees. Spreadsheets and graphs were provided that covered:

Budget review for 2012

Account Balances

2013 Planned Budget

Spending by Category for 2012

Income & Expense by category with comparison from 2010-2012

If you would like copies of the financials please fill out the Contact Form on the website.

In an attempt to go green and save the cost of postage, we had a discussion about possibly invoicing homeowners for dues through email or adding a surcharge to homeowners not wanting to share their email address. We will continue to mail dues letter and discussion will continue for options on this issue.

A quick show of hands about raising the dues by ten dollars to address some minor issues and build up for unexpected expenses received less than half the room so it was tabled and will be addressed in a future board meeting. As of right now the dues remain \$80 due on May 1st Invoices will be sent but if you would like to pay early please do. Make the check payable to HVHA and send to PO Box 173 Cottage Grove MN 55016.

Covenants

Kristi addressed the ongoing discussion about revising the current covenants. It was estimated to be over \$30,000 to legally do. Obviously it is not in the budget nor have any provisions been made to raise the money to do so.

WebSite

Rick Fryar reported working on the new website and volunteered to host it on his server. It will have more features for homeowner interaction. Once it is up and running we will discontinue our contract with Go Daddy and request a refund of the prorated amount of the contract.

As an added feature of the new website and possibly a way to raise some income would be to have paid ads on the website. This will be addressed more thoroughly as the website options become available. A homeowner thought people would take advantage of it.

Lawn Care

A quick survey of attendees was done about the quality of the landscaping done on the entrances and the islands. None of the attendees had any issues. A question was brought up regarding replacement of some landscape to some islands that had removal of dead stuff. It will take budget review to resolve.

A homeowner brought up the fact that Hinton is slated to be redone and questioned the impact on the landscaping bill. It was determined we would ask for an itemized bill so the areas affected could get deducted if not being serviced during the construction.

Dave said he would re-address the issue of our invoices being tax exempt. We will report findings at a later board meeting.

Island Repair/Replacement

A question was brought up about previous discussions around possible repair/replacement of the monument on the 72nd street entrance. There is not money in the budget and no steps to raise money for it have been taken.

Resignation

Kristi Johnson's reported the resignation of Tammy McKissock as administrative assistance. When a replacement is found Tammy has agreed to assist in the transition.

Board Members

The shortage of board member was addressed and an offer to everyone at the meeting to join was expressed. There was no response. If you know of anyone who would be interested please refer them to our website, www.HVHA.net and complete the contact form. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

A reminder that "volunteer" board members are crucial because having an outside service is very expensive.

Hidden Valley Activities

Depending on homeowner interest, watch your email or mailbox surround for event notifications. We would like to thank the Weber's for their continued support of Hidden Valley events especially the family picnic that will again coincide with National Night Out. If you have any suggestions for these events please fill out the contact form on the website. We appreciate your input. Watch your email for notification.

A suggestion was made to change the winter lighting contest to a landscape contest in the summer. The board will make a decision at a later date.

Additional Input from Homeowners

It was reported by a homeowner that the pond has been re-stocked for some good fishing opportunities. Please be respectful of the neighborhood when using the pond and please report any suspicious activity that may reflect poorly on Hidden Valley.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy McKissock
HVHA Administrative Assistant