

# AHCA FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 - 7:00 PM

## I. Call to Order

## II. Roll Call : Melody Muhammad, Pres., George Szczepanski, VP, Kris Maroney Secretary, Carol Wilson -Treasurer possibility, Ashley Graham, Volunteer

## III. Bylaws; Reviewed and had discussion

- A. President Duties- Reviewed-Melody said she is very busy and does not have time to do all the things that the Bylaws require. She needs help with it.
- B. VP Duties-Review. George said he may resign. (Note: 9/13/19 George emailed the Board and resigned) See attached.
- C. Secretary Duties – Reviewed the dozens of emails and neighbor complaints and shared with Board the various solutions that were offered or completed including codes issues, Suez concerns, abandoned cars, etc. (Note: 9/16/19, Kris is considering resigning as Secretary)
- D. Treasurer- Nancy Ravert Ward has resigned. See attached email from Nancy 8/30/19. *(Kris met with Nancy on 9/4/19 and spent two hours going over Treasurer duties and left with all the books and instructions since Nancy was about to leave for vacation for ten days.) Melody was upset that Kris invited Carol without first telling/asking her. She expressed her discontent that Kris “hand-picked” someone without consulting her. This is where the meeting atmosphere became very tense. Carol Wilson was unanimously voted in as new Treasurer. (Note: Kris then met with Carol on 9/13/2019 and reviewed the Treasurer responsibilities. Gave Carol all the Treasury books, etc. Carol then emailed Kris on Sunday, 9-15-2019, and said she thought about it at great length and decided she does not want to take on the position.) See attached email from Carol.*

## IV. Treasurer Report/Discussion

- A. Balance \$25,548.27
- B. 2020 Dues Invoice to get mailed with next Newsletter

## V. Dues

- A. Dues collected to date; new invoice to go out with Newsletter
- B. New invoice 2020 – **NONE of the following was addressed at the Board meeting.**
  - 1. Explain Paypal option & payment options = more dues paid
  - 2. Facebook link on AH FB page to pay dues?
  - 3. Venmo (only 1% Vs 4.1%) Apple Pay?
  - 4. Propose \$26/CC Vs \$25 Check (Paypal fee = \$1.03 each)
- C. Snow removal contract needed for 2020-None of this was ever discussed.
  - 1. Snow removal cost
    - a) AHCA President: Make contact with politicians re: public policy; i.e. Snow removal reimbursement from DelDot, etc

## VI. Fall AHCA Resident Meeting

- A. Discussed dates and times. Melody agreed to contact the Boys and Girls Club to set up meeting place and times (6:30-8:00PM for Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>). Melody said she would get back to Kris by Sunday, 9/15, to confirm the Fall meeting information for the Newsletter that must be mailed out one week before the meeting date.

B. Hot topics/Resident concerns were on the Agenda to discuss...

1. More frequent AHCA resident mtgs

- a) Bylaws require Monthly BOARD meetings, except for June, July, August, & December...The Board discussed, per the Bylaws, that the President is required to call the Board Meetings monthly and the Spring/Fall Resident meetings. Melody said she was not aware of this. There was some heated discussion (mostly instigated by Kris) that none of us had any formal training for our positions and the work that Kris has done has been by her own choice (not directed by anyone). Melody said that she felt that the best answer to the complaining residents regarding rats, etc, was to call an exterminator. Melody also said that she feels the residents need to be reminded that we are a volunteer association and that we cannot solve every problem.

**VII. Committees - Need a chairperson – Ashley Graham volunteered to lead**

A. AH sign maintenance @ Ruby & Darley, Shelley & Darley

1. Discussed the Landscapers in neighborhood; Could offer to advertise their business in AHCA Newsletter and on Facebook page in exchange for maintenance. George agreed to contact the following landscaper residents to discuss it with them.
- a) Nick Schmidt
  - b) Bryan Stengel
  - c) Budd's Landscaping

B. We never discussed any of the following: Storm drain & Fire Hydrant maintenance (block captains)

1. Maintain drain/hydrant appearance
- a) clear trash/debris/weeds when necessary etc
2. Report issues to appropriate authority

C. Dues Committee; block captains (also missing house #s)

1. Who can collect dues?
2. Appropriate collection procedure in reaching out to the community?

D. Activities committee

1. Work with block captains to promote community events & ensure communication to residents via signs, emails etc. submitted to Board for approval
2. Work with Board to secure event locations and funds

**VIII. AHCA Fall Yard Sale – this we never got to, either.**

A. FB Poll: October 5th, 2019 chosen date by those who answered the Poll

1. Signs and FB event needed

**IX. Halloween Parade/Harvest Party/Trunk or Treat (Organized trick or treating) ...While this was being discussed, the Board meeting got heated once again. There was a shared sense of frustration about the workload. Kris said she feels like she is doing everything and that she needs help. George apologized and said he wishes he could do more. Melody said that nobody needs to do anything because Kris does it all.**

- A. It was suggested that the Harvest Party be brought up at AHCA Resident meeting – Fall Harvest Party was unanimously voted for and will be brought up at the Fall Meeting-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> for volunteers, etc

- B. Ashley said she will contact Julia Rohlhill to get things started.

**X. Meeting Adjourned around 8:45 PM.**