

Shadywood West Neighborhood Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
April 23, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Jeff Woolfolk called the meeting to order. He introduced Officer Derek Child to speak about issues of neighborhood interest, including community policing, recent car burglaries, and mail theft. Officer Child distributed his business card and encourage association members to report any suspicious neighborhood activity. He then address specific member questions.

Jeff asked for approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented; motion carried. Jeff then offered his President's Report, focusing on points he presented in the April 2017 newsletter.

George Webb offered the Treasurer's Report, reviewing 2016 year-end financials along with a status of the budget for the first quarter. Ninety-three out of 131 total neighborhood homes have paid the 2017 dues to date. Emails have gone out to those not current reminding them that their membership dues are in arrears. The association rents a safety deposit box that contains old neighborhood records, which can be stored elsewhere if a member were willing to do so. Currently there is no D&O insurance on board members. Don Catron asked that at budget time members consider approving funding for landscaping on 36th Ct. At the October 2016 meeting, members voted not fund the project.

The Secretary had no report

Deacon Oroke reported for the Social Committee reminding all members that a flyer was distributed outlining future neighborhood events. Participation in National Night Out is scheduled again for August and will feature a cookout, games and prizes and a visit from the Topeka Police and Fire Departments. The event will be held on Brandywine Ct. Members were also reminded of upcoming Shady Lady Breakfast.

Marianna Nothern encouraged members to consider participating in a ballroom dance club. Members meet at the 6th St. Ballroom. Marianna offered to provide additional information to any interested members.

Architectural Committee had no report.

The Grounds Committee reported that Neighborhood Clean Up Day went well with several participating. Rose bushes that were diseased were removed and should be replaced with something low maintenance and disease resistant, such as Spirea. Several perennials at the 34th St. entrance need to be replaced. A motion was made to transfer \$1,000 from the maintenance budget to the renovation budget to cover the cost of replacement plants. Volunteers will be recruited to plant them. The motion was seconded; motion carried.

It was reported that the contractor mowing the community areas was not doing satisfactory work. George Webb spoke with him about the quality of his work. Diane Catron also offered to talk with him. Sprinklers will be turned on in the planted areas as soon as possible.

It was reported that a neighbor is possibly running a car dealership out of his home. This issue is not addressed in the association bylaws, but city ordinances do not allow such activities out of a house. An officer from the Topeka Police Department has been called to check it out. The City Inspector can be called as well to investigate the allegation.

Jeff thanked Pam and Joe Foreman for their work in finding a City contact regarding mowing of the neighborhood levy area. Representing the neighborhood, Pam and Joe appeared before a City board to request that the levy area be mowed twice a year, and the board agreed.

In March, there was a fire accidentally set by a neighbor who had a permit to burn. It was a windy day and the burning ran out of control. The Fire Department was called to assist.

Members were reminded that there is no soliciting in the neighborhood. Neighbors who choose to put a sign to that effect on their doors may do so.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.