



AHCA Community Meeting
December 4, 2018 - 7:30 PM
AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:35pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance (8): Linda Barnes, Mischa Bowen-Kreiner, Beth McSweeney, Joe Shinault, Becky Stoll, Chris Waterman, Seth Wheeler, John O'Ferrall,

Members absent (4): Nikki Green, Jeannette Bonomo-Thomas, Chris Burk, Patrick Young

Minutes from October 2, 2018 and November 6, 2018 were approved.

New members were welcomed; see sign-in sheet for details.

Community Outreach – Largest crime trend: Unattended vehicles left on being warmed up. Increase in auto theft, from presents/packages left in view. Cockeysville/Timonium car thefts being dumped in this area, recovered 3-5 cars in last few weeks. Reminder to lock-up cars, homes, etc. He encouraged exterior lights, criminals like dark spots. Mail and delivery men are now delivering when it's dark- exterior lights help them, too

Treasurer's Report – Current SunTrust balance is \$9,118.39. TRowe balance is \$9,500.59. What is the amount of people paying via Venmo? (About 30 people). Better to do Venmo over PayPal, because they do not take a fee. 38% have paid dues for 2018.

Architectural – Sent board members, "Homes that need love" list. Dumpster Day: June 1, 2019. Garage on Edmondson needs repair. Please let committee know if you see anything. Rat patrol, try for January (Checks for holes in alleys and repairs)

Communication – Facebook, no major updates. How to utilize social media more in 2019 for dues? Remove any posts that come from security cameras, people can post to personal pages but not community page. How can we increase exterior lights? Poll on Facebook: Do you keep your exterior lights on? Alleys are too dark, police are unable to do alley checks. Newsletter goes out the end of January with dues envelopes.

Welcome Committee – Will be delivering welcome goodies in January. Thanks to those that volunteered to bake. Home Sales - 2 currently for sale, 5 sold in Nov. and 4 are pending settlement.

Dues – Participation in 2018 was 38%, thanks to residents. Dues are being collected for 2019 via PayPal, Check and Venmo.

Old Business

Playground – No updates, still roped off. Will follow up with Christian Academy.

Citizens on Patrol – Looking for ideas for use of community grant monies. Discussion on lighting needed for alleys, possibly solar.

Sewer – Preliminary work has begun on Overbrook Road. Any updates will be communicated via Facebook/email.

Royal Farms – No update in the last month on whether the project is moving forward, delayed or cancelled.

Block party – will be moved to the last Saturday of September. This year we had 11 Sponsors, the association only spent \$256. Joe read a thank you letter from Sister Mary Raymond, MDSA principal.

New Business

Decoration Contest - MDSA Photo Club Students to judge Christmas Lights on Dec. 18 around 5:30pm.

AHCA Elections – All candidates were elected by acclamation. Joe Shinault, President; Chris Waterman, Treasurer; Jeanette Bonomo Thomas, Secretary and Mischa Bowen-Kreiner, Board of Governors.

Open Discussion

Santa – will be visiting the neighborhood on Dec.19 thanks to Arbutus Fire Dept.

Good Shepherd Church - Discussion of concerns about new development near Ingelside on Edmondsobn Ave. Community input meeting on Dec. 20 at Catonsville Library

Grant Opportunity – There is an opportunity to write a grant for up to \$10,000 for environmental and/or public safety projects in the community. Chris Burk is willing to support application process if community members have ideas. A resident suggested that this might be a means to support drainage development at the playground.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, January 2** at Mount de Sales.

Adjourned at 8:35pm. Recorded by Jamie Wheeler.