

SOUTHERN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2014  
HOME OF KIM BOWERS

Members Present:

Nancy Bellows	Rye Merriam
Kim Bowers	Evelyne Mitchell
Kristi Camera	Mary Lou Moss
Crystal Eisen	Sam Oswald
Kathleen Evers	Gregg Sweeney
Kerry Martin	Rob Thomson

**1. Communications**

- a. Directory (Evelyne)
  - i. Crystal/Adam and Evelyne have walked the neighborhood to update directory information.
  - ii. Evelyne created the directory in Publisher and sent out a proof copy to all residents with e-mail addresses, requesting any corrections before the directory goes to print. The directory was corrected.
  - iii. Committee approved 275 copies (25 extra) from Triangle Reprographics for \$172.50
    1. After discussion and approval, each house will receive one directory, if they had paid their dues.
    2. Additional copies could be bought for \$1.00.
    3. At the time of the first delivery 45 home owners had not paid their dues and consequently received no directory.
    4. The directory will not be published on the community website
- b. Newsletter (Kerry)
  - i. Kerry will endeavor to produce 6 newsletters annually (2 print, 4 online).
    1. Because of a generous printing deal, the cost to print them is expected to be minimal (less than \$100 total)
    2. Kerry's initial draft is in production
      - a. Suggested topics include: lighting, community calendar, landscaping suggestions, crime and safety, new neighbor profiles
- c. New Website Address: SouthernOaksHOA.com (Crystal)
  - i. Evelyne has the old web address pointed towards the new one
- d. Networking discussions (Open)
  - i. Kim suggested home based businesses being able to connect through the website or newsletter advertising
  - ii. Crystal discussed a business leads group she is a part of
  - iii. An "Angie's list" of recommended providers was discussed
  - iv. Crystal will investigate available connection portals

## **2. Community Events - Dates and Forecasted Budget Expense (All)**

- Friday, January 24th - Women's Wine Club, Hosted by Kerry Martin – no budget \$ needed
- February 7<sup>th</sup>-8th - Neighborhood Garage Sale – police + advertising = \$200
- Saturday, April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt = \$200 for drinks for adults
  - a. Donate eggs and fillings if child participating
  - b. Stuffing party on Friday, April 18
  - c. Street closure may be necessary
- Tuesday, August 5th - Block Party (Food Trucks and Neighborhood Watch Event) = \$500
  - a. Crystal will check on any permit needed
  - b. Preferred location is Brumback lot
  - c. Costs to include DJ for kids
- October 31st - Annual Halloween Block Party = \$800

All of the above events and allocated budgeted expenses were approved by the committee as part of the 2014 SOHA budget after discussion. A holiday progressive dinner idea was tabled until the next meeting.

## **3. Street Lights (Crystal)**

- a. Judy Jones was not in attendance to find out if any information was received from Tom Tart
- b. The OUC replacement program appears to have expired 5 years ago, and there is not a mayor's matching grant available at this time

## **4. Neighborhood Watch Recap and Update (Rye)**

- a. Almost all block captains were filled at the first NW meeting
- b. The second meeting will be February 20
  - i. After this meeting, SOHA will qualify for NW signage
    - 1. Examples of the signs were circulated at the meeting

## **5. Treasurer Report – (Sam)**

- a. The Treasurer's report was presented by Sam and a review / discussion ensued
  - i. There are currently 45 unpaid homeowners
  - ii. Sam recommends that we do not spend more than current year's revenues; all agreed that was prudent
- b. Landscaping / Sprinkler Bids
  - i. Kristi and Sam updated the Board on the current providers and areas that need to be attended to as the responsibility of SOHA. We currently use four different providers (flowers, trimming, pest control, and irrigation). The recommendation from Kristi included keeping the irrigation (K&K) and

flower (Colorburst) providers. She recommended changing pest control and landscaping to City Beautiful (other quotes were received from Vleno and Ameriscapes). The annual costs are expected to decrease by approximately \$1,300. Evelyne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- c. A motion to spend up to \$750 on Christmas decorations in 2014 was made by Rob and seconded by Kristi and it passed unanimously.
- d. A discussion of the state of the crests at the entrances ensued and it was agreed that if willing, Weston Thomas would be asked to repaint them with supplies covered by SOHA.

### **Other Business**

- The Board is in favor of pursuing Kerry's request that the wall opening at the end of Sweetbriar be considered for closing due to unauthorized motorcycle, bicycle and foot traffic. Rick Howard with the City of Orlando Public Works department is to be contacted and a Mayor's Matching Grant for part of the cost may be pursued due to safety concerns.
- Kathy Trinkle is a resident and a doctor at Nemours. Kim suggested that a donation drive to include stuffed animals for sick children could be considered by SOHA. The Board was in favor of pursuing this recommendation.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Thomson II, SOHA Secretary