

SOUTHERN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2014  
HOME OF NANCY BELLOWS

Members Present:

Nancy Bellows	Rye Merriam
Crystal Eisen	Evelyne Mitchell
Sara Howard	Mary Lou Moss
Kerry Martin	Jay Peeper
Karen McDonald	Ed and Lynn Simpson (new neighbors)
	Rob Thomson

The minutes from the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved by Crystal, seconded by Nancy, subject to revisions by Evelyne.

1. **Communications**

- a. Directory (Evelyne)
  - a. All have been printed and delivered
  - b. There are 33 still unpaid HOA dues
    - i. Only 13 do not have email communications
- b. Newsletter (Kerry)
  - a. Has been completed and was handed out at the meeting. Karen will deliver all and check with scout troop for future deliveries.
  - b. Kerry is working on a survey for the neighborhood and asked for input from the Board and committee on questions (animals, security, wall, etc.)
- c. Networking (Crystal)
  - a. SOHA members have been invited to join NextDoor.com, set up by Crystal.
    - i. 128 of 240 homes are already represented
    - ii. Website settings can be adjusted individually to limit/expand geographic reach desired

2. **Neighborhood Watch (Rye and Crystal)**

- a. Three signs are up in the neighborhood and we will keep these for the time being
- b. Packages are being delivered to block captains for distribution to homeowners
- c. There are 4 engravers available for check out (2 with Rye, 2 with Crystal)
- d. Block Party in August will be kickoff event

3. **Green Up (Crystal)**

- a. Roundabouts and entrances could use some freshening up and new landscaping
- b. A mayor's grant for some of the funds may be available
- c. Committee: Ed, Crystal, Kristi Camera, Jay, Sherry Merriam, Nancy
- d. Weston Thomas repainted the signs/lettering at the entrances
- e. A tree branch at the Pershing entrance needs to be trimmed

#### **4. Community Events (All)**

- Friday, January 24th - Women's Wine Club, Hosted by Kerry Martin was a success!
- February 7<sup>th</sup>-8th - Neighborhood Garage Sale – weather was difficult, security was not a problem
- Saturday, April 19 - Easter Egg-stravaganza
  - a. Crystal handed out sample flyer and discussion ensued
    - i. Prior approval of \$200 expense was amended to \$400 (motion by Crystal, second by Rob)
    - ii. Money will be spent on Easter Bunny costume (Jay) and for kids' drinks and prizes
    - iii. Stuffed animal drive for SOHA resident/Nemours doctor Kathy Lamprecht Trinkle will be pursued
- Tuesday, August 5th - Block Party (Food Trucks and Neighborhood Watch Event) = \$500 approved
  - a. A separate meeting will be held to address this event

#### **5. Treasurer Report – (Sam/Rob)**

- a. The Treasurer's report was prepared by Sam and discussion was led by Rob

#### **Other Business**

- Street Light Committee was tabled until the next meeting
- Emails will be sent requesting participation in Green Up and Social committees
- “SO” stickers will be investigated
- “SOHA Nights” at VanBarry's, Doc's, and Friendly Confines will be pursued
- New neighbors Valerie and Chuck Read and daughter Georgia (7 mo) were acknowledged
- The next meeting will be scheduled for sometime in May or June

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Thomson II, SOHA Secretary