

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019
Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building

President Marc Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were: Isaac Bendrao, Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Sharon Curtis, Howard Fine, Madeline Langbaum, Steven Parkins, Rick Schermer, Jacci Seskin, and Bob Weisblum. Jeevan Tillit, Erica Chao and Cathy Pieters attended as guests. Marc thanked everyone for attending. He welcomed the 3 proposed new Board members with self introductions.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Rick, to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. The motion was passed.

Finance: Interim Treasurer Steve reported that we have \$25,164.16 in the new bank account. Dues and ad money will increase that number.

Government Relations: Bob will continue to be liaison with various government entities and will report any news.

Membership/Outreach: Freyda shared that as of today we have 52 paid for 2019 with 173 of the 2018 paid members yet to renew. The upcoming General Membership Meeting and the newsletter will help with additional renewals. The committee will meet after the GMM to make plans for 2019. Most likely the membership cards and discount program will be discontinued because they did not generate enough membership to warrant the work. Madeline will continue with the letters to new residents offering the 1st year free. Better records need to be kept to measure the effectiveness of the program.

Food Trucks: Marc and Jacci are working on the next event to be held on March 10. More sponsors are needed.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Parks: Bill spoke about the Bougainvillea plants along the back wall - there are big gaps and more are dying. He tried to survey the residents about their preference, but no one replied. The Highland Lakes Special Taxing District pays to maintain the plants. He will speak to County officials about the various options. The trees around the lakes in the park are not being maintained and are overgrown. A letter has been written to the Parks Dept. He plans to meet with County officials on several traffic issues that were put on hold prior to the election. Several areas with traffic issues were discussed. Plans to improve traffic around the schools were also put on the "back burner".

Security: Rick is hoping that attendees at the GMM will sign up to join this committee. There have been several break-ins of cars and houses in Oak Forest. Plans are to hold the Security Expo with the Food Truck event. Jacci has been attending the Community Action Council meetings. There is a "baby house" for abandoned babies near Jackson North. They are in need of supplies and she suggested we strive to help them this year instead of collecting toys. Police from the district have been going door-to-door asking residents what they need and to improve community relations.

Beautification: Rick will try to seek grants to improve the Ives Dairy Road wall.

Newsletter: Stephanie reported that the newsletter is at the printer and should go to the post office next week. We sold about \$4050 in ads and our costs should be about \$3900. Some ad payments are still missing but invoices are being sent. We may need to buy a new mailing list for next year.

Nominations: Marc reported for Trudy that 8 new people have been proposed to join the Board. This will bring us up to 30.

CERT: Bill said that the new training videos have been a success. There are now 5 or 6 people certified.

Holiday Projects: Freyda reported for Trudy that we filled a pick up truck with toys. The police were very thankful. She expressed thanks to the Board for their generosity and assistance.

Education: Sharon spoke of the recent problems at Krop High School. The new Sofer High School will open in August 2019 in Aventura. She will attend the HOM curriculum night to promote the HOA.

New Business: Marc would like the committee chairs to give a short report at the GMM. He wants to strive for a more engaged HOA. The usual government and police representatives will be there. We'll also have our election and installation.

Upcoming Meetings: GMM = Jan 30; Food Truck = March 10; Board = Feb 20, March 20, Apr 24, May 15, June 5

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.