

**Ashwood Homeowner's Association**

**Annual Meeting**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting, held outside at the corner of Ashwood Place and Ashwood Walk, was called to order by Brett Norton, President, at 7:10 PM.

Directors present were: Cora Bauer, Robin Moore, Michele Pickard, and Amanda Palazzola. Brent Henderson gave his proxy to Robin Moore. David Whitehead gave his proxy to Brett Norton.

Neighbors present were: Carol Woolsey, Vada Moss, Hazel Parker, and Anton Bauer.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved via email.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, the Ashwood Homeowner's Association account had a balance of \$9,498.18.

Annual dues were received from all households except for one household that accidentally did not receive their annual dues invoice in March 2014. Their invoice was mailed last week and they will be given 30 days to pay their dues.

The Ashwood HOA received \$500 in initial assessments. The taxes this year are \$243.10.

Regarding our Ashwood HOA insurance policy, Robin Moore is going to check with our State Farm Agent to review our current policy to make sure that we are not underinsured at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Architectural Control Committee:*

Cora Bauer and Amanda Palazzola will be in charge of the Yard of the Month Award this summer during the months of June, July, and August. A \$25 Home Depot Gift Card/Pike's Nursery Gift Card will be awarded to each winner.

**As a reminder, please remember to have your external construction projects approved before you begin.**

**Any change to the front exterior of your home that can be seen from the street needs to be approved by this committee.**

**There is an Emergency Approval Process in place if such a situation arises such as a sudden roof leak, etc.**

**If homeowners are replacing an exterior element with the exact same color/type of material, then no approval is needed.**

*Community Enrichment:*

Cora Bauer will purchase four new welcome baskets for new neighbors to Ashwood including those at:

2870 Royal Bluff, Morgan and Christine Micheletti

2823 Royal Bluff, Gloria Novak

2846 Ashwood Place, Basel Nassri

877 Ashwood Walk, Elizabeth Williams

Cora Bauer will include a copy of the Ashwood HOA Covenants "Cheat Sheet" in the welcome basket so that new neighbors are aware of these important details.

*Neighborhood Watch*

There is a "In the Know" Knowledgeable Neighbors On Watch session scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10 AM-1AM at the DeKalb Fire Rescue Building at 1950 W. Exchange Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tucker, GA, 30084.

Session Topics include:

Target Hardening

Summer Fire Safety

Being a Good Witness

Neighbors interested in attending need to RSVP due to limited seating to:

Al Fowler

Public Education Specialist

DKPD North Central

[alfowler@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:alfowler@dekalbcountyga.gov)

770-724-7616

This information was posted to the Ashwood Facebook Page and also emailed out to our neighborhood listserv by Chris Palazzola on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Chris Palazzola will continue to update neighbors through emails if an incident occurs in the future.

Please remember to email Chris at [chrispalazzola@gmail.com](mailto:chrispalazzola@gmail.com) if an incident occurs at your house so that he can notify neighbors of safety issues.

*Website*

David Whitehead was absent from the meeting, so no report was given.

Carol Woolsey brought to our attention that the most recent Ashwood HOA Meeting minutes on the Ashwood website are from February 2013 and there have been 4 meetings and corresponding minutes approved since that time.

Those approved meeting minutes were emailed to David Whitehead on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, to post to the website ASAP.

### *Property Maintenance*

Michele Pickard gave the report.

Brent Henderson secured a separate contract for weeding at the front entrance since this was not covered by the new contact with Creative Spaces.

Michele Pickard will verify with Creative Spaces regarding their planned treatment/planting schedule and notify the board of that specific schedule.

Brett Norton will continue to search for LED lighting for the front entrance that will cost approximately \$400-500 per light, but will be more of a permanent solution to our front entrance lighting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding renting your home in Ashwood, please remember the following guidelines from the Ashwood HOA covenants, which can also be found on our website, <http://www.ashwood30030.org/page3/page4/page4.html>

1. The board needs to vote to approve the leasing of your property. The covenants state that we can have a maximum of 25% of the neighborhood rented.
2. The covenants state that you need to acquire a local property management company or representative.
3. You need to make sure that you have made your tenants aware of the covenants and that they are to abide by them.

### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING AND THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING**

The next Ashwood Homeowner's Association HOA Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5PM for our annual meeting and BBQ in the Ashwood Walk cul-de-sac.

Amanda Palazzola sent an email to Kim Norwood on Thursday, June 5th regarding catering for this event.

We will send an Evite regarding this event to all neighbors approximately 1.5 months prior to the event and information will be posted to the front entrance sign board.