

ASHWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Minutes from Annual Meeting
June 27, 2009

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting, held in the driveway at 873 Ashwood Walk (thank you for sharing your shade, Christina!) was called to order by Lisa Goldman, President, at 4:45 PM.

Residents introduced themselves. A total of 13 households were represented, which satisfied the minimum needed for a quorum.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Goldman reviewed the minutes from the April 2, 2009 Board meeting with the group. The minutes were approved with no changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Robin Moore reported that the association currently has a balance of \$8,521.96.
- One home has not paid 2009 dues (2847 Royal Bluff), which is going into foreclosure. After discussion, residents decided not to pursue collection of the outstanding dues due to the circumstances involved in this specific situation. We will collect dues from new owners, we may not collect the entire amount even if we do place a lien on the property, and the costs to secure an attorney to facilitate the process would exceed the amount due resulting in a loss for the association.
- \$200 was spent to produce the new Yard of the Month sign.
- Our account incurred bank fees due to a low balance at one point during the year (prior to when 2009 dues were collected).
- Robin suggested that we establish prudent reserves, for which we will set a minimum balance that the association bank account must maintain. These funds will remain in the account in case of an emergency. The Board will discuss the issue at its next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Control Committee

- Cathie Herman provided the report for the Architectural Control Committee.
- The committee operates the Yard of the Month award. Each winner receives a \$25 gift certificate to Lowes.
- Cathie H. and Susan Thompson made the new sign, which looks great.
- Cora Nohrden and Daniel Bauer at 2825 Ashwood Place won Yard of the Month for May, and Amy Richter at 2842 Royal Bluff won Yard of the Month for June. Congratulations!
- Susan Thompson will serve on the Architectural Control Committee in the spot vacated by Tori Weathersby (who has moved out of the neighborhood).
- The committee spoke to a resident that had some rotten plant boxes. The situation will be resolved.
- Everything is going great with the committee and it welcomes new members.

Community Enrichment

- Toney Rucker provided the report for the Community Enrichment Committee.
- Neighbors have been meeting regularly for trivia at the Corner Pub in Decatur on Wednesday nights.
- Activities such as a book club, walking club, etc. have not gotten off the ground.
- The Ashwood BBQ has been postponed until September. Stay tuned!
- There is some interest in a neighborhood yard sale. Laura Braden will coordinate.

Neighborhood Watch

- Lisa Kuosmanen and Tate Painter provided the report for the Neighborhood Watch Committee.
- Unfortunately, we have had some activity in recent months. In the last couple of weeks, two homes on Royal Bluff were broken into. In both cases, the suspects entered over the back fence (from the condos that are behind one side of Royal Bluff). In one case, it appears as though someone was watching a Royal Bluff home and used a hidden key to enter. In the other case, they used a doggie door at the rear of the house.
- According to DeKalb Police representatives, some arrests have been made in the area lately.
- **Be aware, keep your homes/cars secured and call 911 if you see suspicious activity.**
- If solicitors come to your door, get their names/organizations they represent and forward the information to Tate Painter at vicepresident@ashwood30030.org. We have a no soliciting policy in the neighborhood and will forward this information to the police. (We do have a No Soliciting sign clearly posted at the entrance to the neighborhood.)
- Lisa K. will create a flier with Neighborhood Watch updates. Residents will be encouraged to communicate their e-mail addresses, since future notifications will be sent via e-mail.
- To update your e-mail on our master list, send a message to secretary@ashwood30030.org.

Property Maintenance

- Tate Painter provided the report for the Property Maintenance Committee.
- The lights at the entrance to the neighborhood off of Katie Kerr have been installed and look great. Thanks for coordinating, Tate!
- Please check the light by the signboard to confirm that it is working (it had been damaged). If it is not functional, e-mail Tate at vicepresident@ashwood30030.org.

NEWSLETTER

- Christina Whitehead will not be able to produce the newsletter, so Susan Noll agreed to take it back over.
- If you have information for the newsletter, please notify Lisa K. at secretary@ashwood30030.org for now. In the future, we will post a call for newsletter info on the website, and will provide a link for an e-mail that will go directly to Susan.

REVIEW OF ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

- Robin Moore provided an overview of the association's covenants/by-laws. The covenants mandate how the association/neighborhood operates and what we can/can't do.
- Some basic info includes:
 - We need a quorum, or 10.8 households at the annual meeting in order to do business.
 - We must have an uneven number of board members (between 3 and 9), who will all serve three year terms.
 - Once new board members are elected, the board must meet within 30 days of the annual meeting.
 - The board must meet a minimum of twice a year.

WEB SITE

- Lisa Kuosmanen provided the report on the website – which is www.Ashwood30030.org.
- The website has been updated to this point, and will be updated again after the annual meeting.
- We will post a link on the front page to solicit info for the newsletter from neighbors, which will forward to Susan Noll.
- The website address is on the sign board at the entrance to the neighborhood.
- Christina Whitehead created a Facebook group for the Ashwood HOA. Christina will facilitate. Check it out!
- Lisa K. will update the neighborhood directory and forward to Board/committee members.

SIGN BOARD

- Tate Painter currently maintains the sign board at the entrance to the neighborhood.
- If anyone has ideas for messages, contact Tate at vicepresident@ashwood30030.org.

NEW BUSINESS – Lisa Goldman, President

Election of Board Members

- The association needs new board members to fill slots that have been/will be vacated.
- The board meets four times a year to manage/discuss neighborhood happenings, activities and issues.
- Current Board members serving a term from 2007 – 2010 include Tate Painter, Cora Nohrden and Lisa Kuosmanen. (Lisa Goldman, who was serving this term as well, has resigned from the Board).
- Current Board members serving a term from 2008 to 2011 include Robin Moore, Sarina Russotto and Carol Woolsey. (Christina Whitehead, who was serving this term as well, has resigned from the Board).
 - Lauren Braden was nominated and approved to serve on the Board from 2009 – 2011, filling the spot vacated by Christina Whitehead.
- Toney Rucker's term has ended. Thanks for all that you have done, Toney!
- Residents decided that the Board will consist of 7 members at this point.
- The board will meet on Thursday, July 23rd at 7 PM at either Carol Woolsey's or Tate Painter's house.

Comments/Issues

- Lisa Goldman is moving out of the neighborhood. Thank you for all of your hard work! You've been a great president/neighbor and will be missed! We hope you can make it to the BBQ in September!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 23rd at the home of either Carol Woolsey or Tate Painter – location to be confirmed prior to the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Kuosmanen