Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association Meeting

February 26, 2019

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association met on February 26, 2019, at 1805 Singingwood, Edmond, OK at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Diane King, Mary Berryman, Ruth Leavitt, Angie Schexnayder, Lisa Hudson, Shelia Brown, Elaine Weinmeister, Amanda Hoover, Tanya Williams, Dwayne Page, Bill Oliveri, and Joe and Kristi Strubhart.

President Dwayne Page opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Shelia Brown gave a treasurer’s report. She had copies of the 2018 budget and the 2019 year-to-date expenses. For 2018, we kept within the budget. The voluntary monthly donations by one member helped us wrap the tree at Christmas. Overages in line items occurred in making 25 new welcome packets for new residents and purchasing a new Yard-of-the-Month sign. Mowing cost was higher possibly due to increased rain in the fall. The repairs and maintenance budget had extra expense due to tree trimming on the fence line.

Shelia reported that as of today, 113 members have paid dues. This is below the amount we need for our budget. Elaine Weinmeister suggested putting a sign at the front when we salt the entry stating that the HOA paid for this service. These can be made at Vistaprint.com.

Mary Berryman moved to accept the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Kristi Strubhart and approved.

Sgt. Fountain and Officer George of the Edmond Police Department came to the meeting to speak about security for homeowners. Sgt. Fountain mentioned that we can access a website: communitycrimemap.com to learn of crimes reported in the United States. This is a crime tracker site. Tips for protection:

* Lighting outside your home and surveillance systems help catch criminals. You can get ring.com or simplisafe.com front door systems which communicate with your phone.
* A lot of crime relates to drug offenders.
* Don’t leave valuables (especially purses) in your car. If at a dog park or park, store purse in trunk or leave at home.
* Cars parked on the street over 24 hours must be moved. If this is a chronic problem, call a police officer to contact the homeowner.
* Trailers detached from a vehicle may not be left in the street.
* Keep garage doors down. Neighbors should notify neighbors when they see open doors.
* If you see someone stealing your car, you may NOT shoot them. Self-defense means someone has attacked you, and you need to defend yourself.
* If you have a problem with incessant barking dogs, call the police to contact homeowners. If no satisfaction, citizens can file a complaint for disturbing the peace and take neighbors to court.

Dwayne called for approval of the minutes of the October 29, 2018 meeting. Ruth Leavitt moved to accept minutes as written. It was seconded and approved.

In Unfinished Business, Dwayne said we have permission from Bob Everson to remove the dead tree on the north side of the entry. It is on Rustic Creek’s property. The strong wind last Tuesday blew branches on the Rustic Creek chain link fence. Shelia said she received a quote from Cruz de Leon to remove the tree and the other stumps nearby for $800. (Did we decide to take action here?)

Mary Berryman reported on Donna Friedberg. She is currently our Officer-at-Large, but she has sold her home. Dwayne reported that Miles Hall has been appointed to serve in the position for the remainder of the year.

Warren Stickrod was not present to report on lighting projects at the entry.

Elaine mentioned that we have approved one more streetlight for Singingwood. Mary said they couldn’t find a location with homeowner approval given the electrical box parameters, etc.

In New Business, the financial audit of the treasurer’s books took place. Rochelle Wagoner, Mary Berryman and Diane King served as auditors. Diane reported that the 2018 accounts are in order.

Following the police report of crime prevention, Bill Oliveri asked about gating the entry. Discussion ensued regarding cost and mandatory HOA.

Tanya Williams raised the question of improving mailboxes in the neighborhood. She suggested finding someone to build new ones with a “neighborhood rate” so that more attractive boxes could be built. Mailbox construction would be at homeowners’ expense. There was general assent, and Tanya will contact someone she knows. If this moves forward, we can promote the project with email, mail and signs on the message board.

Dwayne adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Weinmeister