

Village at Worthington Civic Association Meeting Thursday, October 28th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at 322 Brownsfell Drive, the residence of Mary and Jeff Lykens.

Members present: Rich Thomas, Nancy Good, Chris Good, Sue Ward, Fred Frank, Richer Malboeuf, Doug Smith, Mary Lykens, Jeff Lykens, Dora Sisco, Nick Sisco.

President Mary Lykens called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Mary stated that the previous minutes were reviewed. She then asked all to introduce themselves.

Chris Good asked about the minutes approval and routing. Nick Sisco and Mary Lykens explained. Minutes are created after the meeting, sent to the members for review, and then posted to the website.

Jeff Lykens gave the financial report. The current balance is \$9,355.30 and \$398.00 for Fund the Fronts. Dues collection stands at about 64%. The report format Jeff has been using will be changed to a ledger-type, as originally created by Rich Thomas, to better present the associations finances. Jeff also mentioned that the PayPal dues option has been effective even considering PayPal's cut. Jeff Lykens reviewed our expenses including our lawn care program from BioGreen. Nick Sisco reminded the group that the 'slit seeding' program that was asked for has been cancelled for this fall for the Leaview entrance grass areas. This is due to the need for watering which needs to be worked out. Richer Malboeuf stated that such grass areas belong to the farm house resident on the corner and that the grass responsibility lies there. This will be reviewed.

Jeff Lykens continued the dues discussion by talking about how title companies involved with pending home sales in our neighborhood have called our association to determine if a given property is paid up with dues. Doug Smith, who has real estate experience, informed the group that when funds are owed, they called this "a cloud" on the title. Jeff has created a "Final Appeal" dues letter to be sent to the remaining residents who have not paid. In the letter, a resolution is proposed of a one-time exception to residents to bring their debt current. Those that pay the amount in full, up to only two years past, will have any "cloud" against their property absolved. Jeff's draft was circulated among all present and it was revised with many comments from all. The revisions were approved and this revised version will be circulated via email for final review. The letters will be mailed with a self-addressed stamped envelope in early November.

Eric Harned was not present so there was no report about the FNCCC. Chris Good, who is attending his first meeting, asked about the FNCCC. Sue Ward provided this explanation.

Nick Sisco gave his website report and stated that he attempts to keep the site up to date with events and activities. A new link to a scanned document of our neighborhood lot plan showing addresses and color-coded sections was recently added. This address and section work was originally done by Dora Sisco from the original document. This link was needed to help many residents who were not aware of their section number in light of the 'Hunger Games' food drive which is in full swing and is based on friendly competition between sections.

Mary Lykens commented about the great participation in the 'Hunger Games' food drive and how the spirited competition provides great motivation. All agreed that this event, created by Nancy Good, has been a great idea. Nancy Good stated that all the 'Hunger Games' donations will be picked

up Sunday, November 1st. Nancy and Chris Good will make a final tally to determine which section had the most donations. This section will be credited with victory and such status will be posted on our Facebook page, the website and on the entrance signs.

Chris and Nancy Good will be taking responsibility for entrance sign messaging from Nick and Dora Sisco starting with the message change after Beggar's Night that declares The Hunger Games winning section and mention of the November annual meeting.

Fred Frank brought up the recent Tailgate event and how it's always well-attended but should be moved to other courts besides Pampas Ct. to get even better neighborhood attendance.

Nick Sisco mentioned that a commitment and 'buy-in' from Tailgate court residents is needed as it may be seen as a burden as the court is literally taken over.

Chris Good liked the idea of varying the location and did agree that resident buy-in is very important.

Doug Smith commented that the band that played at the Tailgate was fine but the volume was a concern which inhibited conversation. For the next Tailgate event, the location and band issues will be addressed. Doug also commented about the many cars parked along our streets, especially Leaview, making exiting the neighborhood difficult. This has been more of an issue recently as the nearby construction has limited Flint Road access. Dora Sisco and others reminded Doug that this issue was raised with the City and how we might restrict parking to only one side of the street. The City stated that the streets are wide enough for parking on both sides and the issue stopped there.

Mary Lykens then spoke about the annual meeting scheduled on Wednesday November 4th at the Lazelle Recreation Center at 7pm. At this meeting, Officers and Trustees will be nominated and elected. Also, the Fund the Fronts campaign will be explained and discussed with images of potential signs from contractor's proposals. Any other residents' concerns and questions can be brought up as well.

Sue Ward expressed the need for a slate of candidates so all attendees have a clear idea of who's running.

Dora Sisco stated that there needs to accommodate write-in candidates as many residents are not aware of the election process for our association.

Mary Lykens was nominated and accepted the nomination of President of the VWCA.

Chris Good was nominated and accepted the nomination for Vice President of the VWCA. As the VP position has been vacant for many years, this nomination is very important and, since Mary has been president for 3 (and most likely 4) years, assistance from the VP is most welcomed.

Nick Sisco was nominated and accepted the nomination for Secretary of the VWCA.

Carrie Houk was nominated but declined the nomination for Secretary of the VWCA.

Rich Thomas was nominated but declined the nomination for Treasurer of the VWCA. Rich has provided valuable financial analysis this past year and agreed to carry on this in this effort.

Jeff Lykens was nominated and accepted the nomination for Treasurer of the VWCA.

Nancy Good mentioned the need for term limits.

Mary Lykens stressed the need for neighborhood involvement by getting neighbors to step up as Trustees. Richer Malboeuf mentioned his neighbor, Terry Porter, might be interested. Terry could not attend this meeting, but an inquiry will be made.

A discussion ensued about what is to be presented at this annual meeting.

Doug Smith's concern about the street parking, and the fact that many residents' homes are dark and need to have a post light on to dissuade break-ins, will be brought up.

Sue Ward will present the Fund the Fronts campaign along with Jeff Lykens who has been active in seeking out contractors for this work. Rich Thomas agreed to provide slides on expenses and income and other analysis, as needed.

Nancy Good suggested that a door prize be announced for the annual meeting as a way to provide some motivation for attendance. A gift card to Amano's Pizza was suggested. All thought this was a great idea.

Chris Good asked that the various responsibilities for the many tasks be posted on Facebook and the website. This includes Facebook, website, minutes, Fund the Front responsibilities and any others like the Mulch Sale, Tailgate Party and Easter Egg Hunt. All agreed this is a good idea.

Dora Sisco spoke to all about the Mulch Sale for next spring and how more delivery volunteers are needed. She suggested that residents have the option of picking up their own order. Most agreed that residents are not likely to do this. It was acknowledged that the bags were heavier than in the past and that a volunteer drive for the Mulch Sale needs to start sooner. All agreed that Dora and Nick Sisco did a great job last year.

Mary Lykens adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm. This is the last meeting of the year besides the annual meeting on November 4th.

Respectively submitted,
Nick Sisco, VWCA secretary

Post-meeting correction: It was identified that the general account was over the amount of the Fund-the-Front account (\$398.00). The general account is thus \$8,957.30.