



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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### Minutes of the Board Meeting

April 2, 2016

#### In attendance

Boyle Stuckey	Kenneth E. Burke	Jeanne Contardo
Michelle Phipps-Evans	Deborah Johnson	James Perkins
Monica Holman Evans	Mary F. Ross	Michelle Peete

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:40am by Boyle Stuckey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

The minutes for the March 5, 2016 meeting were read by Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved.

The April 2, 2016 Treasurer's Report was given by Monica Evans, Treasurer. 2015 taxes have been filed. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Education and Recreation – Jeanne Contardo

No scholarship applications have been received to date. The Education and Recreation Committee meeting was not held as planned. Frances Gregory Library was closed on the date of their scheduled meeting without notice. The Committee is considering speaking to Idea about a charter school. This discussion would be instead of an application middle school. The charter school would have a particular program. Discussion has not taken place yet.

##### Communications – Mary Ross (for Phil Hammond)

Phil asked how volunteers are progressing with phone calls to members who have not paid dues. Some are making progress.

##### Environment – Mary Ross

The Community walk will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> beginning on the parking lot of the recreation center at 10:00am. The tree seedlings were ordered and should arrive by the 13<sup>th</sup>. 50 Dogwoods and 50 Red Maples were ordered. Volunteers will be assigned streets to distribute the tree seedlings. Seedlings will be given to the people the volunteers talk to. April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Alger Park clean up. Volunteers are needed. Officer Persaud asked if girls from the local group home could participate. Yes, they can participate.

Volunteers should wear jeans, boots and long sleeves. We will meet at Hillcrest and Park Drives at 9:30am.

## Fundraising – Michelle Peete

\$1,100 was the profit for the casino trip. It was a success. Bus was filled to capacity.

## Public Safety – James Perkins

The Committee will distribute flyers during the first Community Walk scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Community Safety Campaign is documenting public sites that need maintenance in Hillcrest. The Committee will provide more information about this campaign. The Committee is canvassing block captains to update the list. James gave receipts for the Neighborhood Watch to the Treasurer.

## **Membership Requests, Community Concerns & Miscellaneous**

### Open Discussion

Unpaid Membership – The post card was drafted by Jeanne Contardo and circulated to the Board for comments. Motion to use \$55.00 to purchase post cards was approved by the Board. Kenneth Burke commented that some people do not know how to pay via the internet. An alternate means should be provided to pay membership dues. No decision was made on this comment. Michelle Peete asked about the process that indicates the members who have not paid their dues. Her newsletter still indicates she owes dues even though she has paid.

Candidate Forum – A meeting was held with 4 other civic associations. Moderator is Harold Fisher and the Youth Mayors will participate. Planning for the event covered the last couple of weeks. The Board was asked for a \$150.00 contribution for expenses. We may conduct a straw poll. All candidates for Ward 7 would be invited to participate. Motion to contribute \$150.00 for the Candidate Forum was approved by the Board. There may be some live polling during the forum.

2016 Overall Budget – We need to consolidate the requests for funds to have a total picture of the 2016 budget. There may be a deficit. The budget needs to be balanced. According to Mary Ross, there is no need for funds for the Alger Park clean up.

Add to the agenda for the next meeting – 2016 overall budget.

Membership Budget Request

Speaker suggestions – Gregory Dean, Chief of Fire and AMS

Speaker for June/July suggestion – Minome Butler, Ward 7 resident, coordinating the Criminal Justice Council for DC. Board members were asked to canvass their neighbors for suggestions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**