



**LaCrosse Homeowners' Association
Annual Meeting – January 18, 2018**

7:00 pm – Risdon Middle School

MEETING MINUTES

James and Ron Presiding, James lead the meeting

Approximately 40 attendees by informal count (sign-in forms will capture a count and names)

2017 Minutes Approved

Introductions

Dan Hill past president

Janet Hill bookkeeper and is eager to continue

Mark on the board since mailboxes were changed out. Leaving in August or so.

Ron Cornelius on board on and off for 10 years

Delina moved in 4 years ago.

President: James Curtis (wife Cynthia) works in the fire district in Snohomish County. Experience with labor unions and leadership. Honored to have role of president. Need volunteers to help continue neighborhood activities.

Bookkeeper Update 2017 - Janet Hill

\$14,000+ Net Income 2017

\$151,167 Bank Balance

Question about adding Brookridge to HOA:

They aren't a formally organized and active HOA in the manner of LaCrosse.

They have access to some neighborhood assets in LaCrosse that are part of the City of Renton.

City of Renton maintains vaults. Not so in Brookridge. We would take on some responsibility for their vault. Ron said it may be possible to eliminate that liability. James will speak to a Mr. Hicks about the liability. We will likely start a twice yearly newsletter and new website:

Emma (may be called social network liaison) will look into Facebook and Twitter accounts for LaCrosse.

Playground equipment needs periodic inspection. Janet has relationship with vendor and can ask about updates and maintenance.

2018 Budget

Increase dues from \$445 to \$500. No dues increase between 2008 and 2013.

The Increase will cover expenses for activities like egg hunt, party, games, etc.

Other Expenses:

Accruing for attorney fees, new item \$1,500

Education and training is also new \$1,000

Reserve must be funded per law. Fully restoring fence is estimated to cost \$85,000 to \$100,000. Perimeter fence is 2,000 feet. Homeowners must take care of own fences. Hasn't been replaced since inception 18 years ago. We'll look into receiving some grant funding. 2 members are at Renton grant meeting tonight (Sandy & Shelley). Aside from the fence, there are other impending expenses we need to be able to cover with the reserve.

Committee Reports

Architectural — Buddy is out of town tonight. Will be looking for volunteers by Spring to help with approvals for home improvements and other external updates, such as solar panels.

Community Garden — looking for volunteers to weed. Work party forthcoming. If you want a plot the contact name and number is posted in the garden. About 30 plots plus common areas. Common beds are lettered and private plots are numbered.

Welcome Wagon — Sue Peck

Try to greet and provide gift and Rules & Regulations.

Common Areas — Ron

Coordinates landscaper. Likes new landscaper. Had tree in playground that was precariously hanging over a fence that was taken down last week with Board approval. In April Ton will conduct a walk around to look at condition of houses. He'll send letters for needed yard and house maintenance with expectation that corrective action will be taken by a date.

is Ron's Cell. Animal control: calls Renton about dogs. Alert Ron and he'll take action up to and including fines.

2017 in Review

Addition of beehives to garden. Hives are thriving. Bee workshops can be attended by anyone.

NUSA Award: Neighborhood of the year nomination in Omaha. Presented beehives. Finished second. Two plaques were printed, due to a small mistake made by the national organization on the first one. We'll put one in Renton City Hall.

Grant project for exercise trail and equipment. Contractor reduced height. Sandy and Shelley at City of Renton grant meeting now to explore the process of receiving a grant for this.

New Business

Bylaws - to incorporate Bylaws and formalize into Documents. All homeowners should have CC&Rs.

Document Review to be undertaken.

General Council to review also. Hence the budget item. Barker Martin. Purpose is to be ahead of Air BnB, political displays, CC&Rs, etc.

Nomination of Directors

Asking current board members to stay on so as not to turnover entire board. 3 year term. Bylaws state 7 Members.

Sandy Taylor and Shelley Persich nominated each other.

Nominations from floor:

Discussion between James and Michelle. Days are flexible.

Nominations

Sandy, Shelley, Ron, Mark, Delina, Buddy, Michelle. Only need 6 since James is already on board. Mark will decline to keep the number at 6 but still help out.

All elected.

Vision and Goals

Want more participation. Participate in committees or by volunteering for events. Will broadcast info out rather than by having to look for it on website.

Events

Easter Egg Hunt April 1st.

Movie Night in August.

Garden Social.

National Night Out August 7th.

BOD Recognition

Dan & Janet Hill

Open Forum

Acknowledgement from the floor of the sense of community.

Recommendation from floor to replace playground equipment and assure swings are part of it.

Is there a feasible area in the park for an enclosed book exchange? James will Follow Up.

Recommendation from the floor for board members and anyone else to walk around the neighborhood to talk to each other and greet new neighbors. Important to create community.

James is willing to discuss neighborhood issues and has a strong preference to have the meetings scheduled. His cell number is 253-973-2957.

Reminder from the floor to not speed and observe safe driving practices. Garage doors are open at night and an easy target for thieves.

Next Door is crime watch App

Leave lights on at night.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.