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Silverlakes News

From the HOA President:

In keeping with the Silverlakes-Gateway HOA Board of Directors' commitment for open and honest communication with the membership, I offer the following comments on the March 19, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting.

Annual Membership Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Ed Frost with a quorum of 110 Members either present or by proxy, which meets the requirements of the By-Laws. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting were read by Secretary, Richard Lindquist, and approved by the membership.

Report from the President:

The report of the President was sent out to all homeowners with the second notice of the annual membership meeting.

Report of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer's report was mailed with the second notice of the annual membership meeting.

Election of Board Members:

There were two (2) vacancies on the Board and no letters of intent had been received from the two mailings. In accordance with our By-Laws, the two vacancies will be filled at a future special board meeting by appointment of the board.

Unfinished Business:

- **Lakes:** The Board has been in communication with Gateway Community Development District (GCDD) on several occasions, either by letter or in person, and has been advised that all our lakes are maintained the same. Of particular concern was the South Lake, which GCDD referred to as Lake #89, with the large amounts of what appears to be weeds growing in the water. GCDD referred to those weeds as "Littoral Vegetation" which is a protected plant and no dredging of lakes is planned nor anticipated. The Board was advised that a "lake vegetation workshop" was possible in the future. Great interest in attending such a meeting was shown by the membership.
- **Drainage Issue:** Ed Frost reported the drainage installed by Lennar hasn't been turned over and Gateway Services will not take over the drainage the way it is right now.

- **Fountains:** Ed Frost reported that the VOC committee is working on a replacement plan to replace all the fountains. Repair of the existing fountains is not possible as these fountains are old and replacement parts are not available. The VOC committee will also change the fountain timers due to Daylight Savings Time starting.

New Business:

The Property Manager, Kris Caldwell-Lanz, announced the results of the proxy questions:

1. May the Association use reserve funds during the year to balance cash flow requirements in case of an emergency?
105 IN FAVOR 5 AGAINST - PASSED
2. Should a review by a CPA firm be waived for the 2014 Association's financials and instead a report of cash receipts and disbursements be issued by the management company?
101 IN FAVOR 9 AGAINST - PASSED
3. Should the Association continue with the current financial reserve funding plan as stated in the document.?
107 IN FAVOR 0 AGAINST - PASSED 3 ABSTAINED

Comments from the Membership:

- **Parking on the streets and not stopping for the stop signs** – Rosann Delinger has concerns about people parking on the streets while doing business out of their homes. The board advised that if this is going on, they need to inform the property manager. She also stated that people are not stopping for the stop signs.
- **Call box at gate entrance** – Steve Dobson would like to see if people could have a number programmed into the call box that wasn't a local number? One of the residents stated that she has an Illinois number that is programmed into the call box. Steve will get with the property manager to get his number programmed into the call box.
- **Garbage cans** –Mike Mencik wanted to know if residents can set their trash out in bags instead of trash cans? No. All trash must be in trash cans, unless it is yard debris.
- **Exercise Room** – Carol Egle had a concern about weights being left out in the middle of the exercise room. She is worried someone is going to trip over them and get hurt. Judy Martin, from the exercise room committee, advised her they were looking into some options to fix this problem. Jane Grethey also commented and wanted to know if we have a way to see who is using the exercise room and monitor this. The board advised her that we have ordered a new card reader system and it is on back order.
- **Fine letters-** Antoinette Cendali would like to see the verbiage of the fine letters changed to be less assertive. The board said they would look into it.
- **Pool railing** – Dan Dobson talked about the pool railing being broken and women coming through the railing to get to the pool and if there was any way to stop this. Board advised him that the camera system would have to be upgraded for this to happen.
- **Security Camera system-** Peter Suckow asked about the camera system being upgraded? The board advised that they are looking into replacing some of the cameras.
- **Vacant Lot-**Carol Egle asked if a home would be built on the vacant lot that was sold. The lot was sold to a construction company and any plans to build a home on the lot would have to be approved by the association.

- **Recognition to the board** – Gene Hogg recognized Ed Frost for doing a wonderful job documenting all the procedures and policies for the community. Peter Suckow also thanked Ed Frost and Kate Leslie for their service to the board.

Adjournment: The membership meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm. There was resounding applause for the two departing Board members, Ed Frost and Kate Leslie.

Submitted for the Board by Lauren Siegel, Vice President, Richard Lindquist, Secretary, Markus Albrecht, Director/Legal Liaison

Organizational Meeting:

As required by the Bylaws, immediately following the Annual Membership Meeting, the 2014 Board of Directors appointed the following officers for 2014:

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Organization of directors: Lauren Siegel, President; Richard Lindquist, Vice President; Markus Albrecht, Secretary/Treasurer

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM

Special Board of Directors Meeting, March 26, 2014 at 11AM in the Silverlakes Community Clubhouse.

1. Establish Quorum/Call to Order: With three Board members present, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 11:00AM by Lauren Siegel.

- Notice was posted 48 hours in advance as required by Florida Statute at the Silverlakes Community Clubhouse and Community Bulletin Board.

2. New Business:

a. Appoint new directors to the board: Peter Suckow and Jane Grethey were appointed to the Board of Directors.

b. Organization of board:

President: Lauren Siegel

Vice President: Peter Suckow

Secretary: Jane Grethey

Treasurer: Markus Albrecht

Director: Richard Lindquist (Legal Liaison)

3. Adjournment: Special Board of Directors Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am

Sunshine Committee – Sue Beard

If you know of a Silverlakes neighbor who has had a baby, is ill or has had a death in the family, please call Sue at 689-8065 or email Sue at shadden@comcast.net. She will be happy to send a card.

***WELCOME to Stella Pearl Givens**, born February 1st 2014. She weighed 7lbs and was 20” long. Proud parents are Dan & Courtney Givens!

*Happy first Birthday to **Jack Detar!** Proud parents are Michael & Stacy Detar! The happy family and friends celebrated with Jack on March 16th!

***Anica & Italo Tarabokija** opened their home on March 26th for hosting the “Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Statue”. It was a beautiful time for all those attending.

***Congratulations to Margaret Evans on receiving the Employee of the Year Award** from Lehigh Regional Medical Center, now owned by Community Hospital System in Franklin, Tennessee. The award given was a four day all-expense paid trip for Margaret and one guest (Carl) to Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. There were 206 hospitals represented from 29 states. We are all VERY proud of you, Margaret!!

Social Committee –

There were three very successful gatherings sponsored by the Social Committee in March...A St. Patrick's Pot-Luck Dinner, an All-You-Can Eat Family Breakfast, and an Ice Cream Social!

Upcoming Social event for the month of April –

Saturday, April 12th 10am Easter Egg Hunt No Cost

Red Hat Review -

On Thursday, March 13th, the ladies of Silverlakes Chapeaux Rouge were cordially invited to the home of our very own Judy Dobson for a spring picnic. In all, 12 of us enjoyed picnic fare prepared exclusively by Judy. She had set 3 beautiful picnic tables throughout the house, each with a slightly different theme.

We feasted on baked beans, relishes, chips, squash casserole, pulled pork sandwiches, cheese, mac and cheese, and cookies and éclair cake for dessert (There was so much to choose from, I'm sure I've forgotten something!)

After lunch, we gathered in the living room and dining room to share some of the projects we were working on. We discovered we had a few quilters in the group who showed us the beautiful items they had brought. There were also a couple of historians, knitters, and sewers. Such talent!!

We send out a hearty **Thank You** to Judy for her hospitality--everyone there had a lovely time.

Next month marks the 10th anniversary of our chapter, and plans are to tour the Burroughs Home, followed by lunch on the dancing porch, catered by Rene's. Be sure to get your reservations in early, ladies!! Call Jan Wold at 225-0757.