

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
November 16, 2009
5701 N. Genematas Dr.

Minutes

Board members present: Sharon Laird, Jay DeAngeli, Mark Andersen, George Grimm, Leo Roop, Carolyn Redmore, Angelo Dellacona, Tom Scarborough, Marianne Richardson.

Board members absent: Scott Odom, Phil Williams, Camille Zachmeier, Don DeYoung, Karl Oxnam.

Neighbors present: Lowell Richardson, Carole DeAngeli (recording secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by president Carolyn Redmore.

Minutes - Tom read the minutes of the 8/31 and 9/19 board meetings. Both sets were approved as read.

Officer and Committee Reports

Jay gave the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$11,633. Most of the membership dues have been received and our membership stands at 107 households, plus one membership received but not yet deposited. As an adjunct to the financial report, Jay reviewed the picnic budget vs. actual expenditures.

Budget Review – Jay went through each item on the budget, explained the reasoning for the amount budgeted. Several lines were adjusted for the new budget year. Jay moved to accept the budget for the 2010 financial year, Leo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Picnic – This year's picnic chairman, Becky Spencer, was not present but had sent a note to Carolyn saying she thought the picnic was a success. Carolyn asked for input from the board, and all agreed that the picnic was excellent. Several board members commented on the high quality of the food, including the sausages and ribs, as well as the potluck dishes. The weather was perfect and all the arrangements worked well. George wanted to especially thank Diane Foray who was in charge of children's activities, as she did an excellent job. Carolyn will send her a note of thanks. Angelo's food covers were a good addition and should probably be augmented for next year. Jay thanked Mark and Angelo for their assistance and support. He suggested we select the date for next year and then he will reserve the date with the vendors. October 30th was chosen as the date for the 2010 picnic. Mark Andersen agreed to accept the chairmanship for the picnic next year. Carole will send him the set of instructions and guidelines for putting on the picnic.

Hospitality – Carole reported that she has ordered more of Bill Broyles' book, Our Sonoran Desert, to give to new neighbors along with a package of information about OFNA and the neighborhood. Carolyn suggested that it would be nice if the books were autographed by Bill. Carole will ask him to do so. There are several new residents and Carole will be going to meet them in the near future.

Newsletter, Website, E-Update – Carole said the next Desert Dwellers will be out in December and she would like input in the form of articles from board members or any neighbors. Also, she is interested in getting input for the website and the weekly e-mail update.

Neighborhood Watch – Carolyn has spoken to Carolyn Hoenig, the current Area Leader who would very much like to hand the job over to another neighbor. She gave Carolyn the job requirements and duties. Carolyn asked Carole to please advertise the need for an Area Leader. Carole suggested that perhaps Jacki Elder might be willing to do the job and Carolyn will contact her after Thanksgiving.

Old Business

Annual Meeting – Carolyn asked for feedback on the meeting and the guest speakers. Several members commented that the speakers were excellent and the facility works well. But, as Marianne pointed out, the attendance was disappointing. She asked if there was any way to entice people to attend. Carole said we've tried numerous approaches with mixed success. George commented that if there are no crises, people don't feel the need to attend.

Triangle Park Plaque – George and Jay spoke to the grandchildren of the neighborhood's founder, who corrected them on the name for the plaque, which should be Nicholas W. Genematas. They approved the wording on the plaque and were pleased with the gesture. The plaque is now being cast and George is not sure when it will be ready. He suggested that when it is installed we could have a photo op with the son (George Genematas) and his children.

Monument at 1st/Agave – George thanked Angelo and Jay for their landscaping work. George also planted some desert plants and the monument is now complete. The artist, Ed Muren, has agreed to maintain the paint for a couple of years. Everyone agreed that the finished product is a nice addition to the neighborhood.

Speeding Signs – Jay got prices for the proposed signs, which would say something to the effect that "only you can prevent speed bumps" and each one would cost approximately \$50. Carolyn reviewed the discussion from the previous meeting and asked if there was any interest in pursuing this project. Tom said he agreed with Karl's feeling that we do not need more signs. There was general agreement that the signs probably would not accomplish their intended purpose and would just add to the visual clutter. This project was dropped for lack of interest.

New Business

Karaoke Machine – Angelo requested that the board approve \$100 to purchase the karaoke machine currently owned by Kim and Merrill Peterson. Angelo has agreed to store the machine and all accompanying parts (mic, cords, CD's). Angelo made the motion to purchase the machine, Jay seconded and all present were in favor. Carolyn will send the check for \$100 with a note thanking Kim and Merrill for a great price on their sound system.

Items from the Floor

History - Leo indicated that he has a brochure about the neighborhood from its early days, and would be happy to share it with the board. Carole asked if she could add it to the history page on the website. Everyone expressed interest in seeing the document.

Dumpster – Marianne asked if the Dumpster Day would be held again this year, and whether a date had been selected. Karl was not present, but Carolyn said she would speak to him and fix a date so it can be advertised in the newsletter. Several members commented that this is a valuable project.

Trimming – Tom said he would be willing to assist with the trimming. George will help also. Jay will get the trailer and notify his committee of a date.

Safety Issue – Angelo said that neighbors on Agave who had recently moved out had left a refrigerator sitting out in the open, which could be dangerous to children. Angelo will contact the county and report the problem.

Minutes – Carole mentioned that, as a matter of procedure, since everyone on the board receives the minutes in advance of the meeting, the reading of the minutes can be dispensed by motion.

Next Meeting – the next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, February 8th, 7:00pm, at the home of Leo Roop, 5625 N. Genematas Dr.

George thanked Angelo for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Carole DeAngeli
Recording Secretary