

LRCA Board Meeting Minutes
Wed., June 11, 2008, 7:30 PM

Board Attendees: Connie Griffin, Derrick Chamlee, Linda Smith, Bob Kapchur, Nancy Gordon, Paula Weiss

Regrets: Maryann Fox, Frank Judnich, Anne Richardson, Jon Parker, Ivan Dietrich, Nancy Hahn

Location: Connie Griffin's house at 4704 Playfield St.

LRCA Board Business:

Review of May 9 Annual Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved without changes.

Election of Officers: The following Board positions were assigned through mutual consensus: Derrick Chamlee is President, Maryann Fox is Vice President, Paula Weiss is Secretary, Jon Parker is Neighborhood Watch Captain. Nancy Gordon is Member-at-Large and Newsletter Editor, Nancy Hahn is the Directory Production Coordinator, and Linda Smith remains as Treasurer, Connie Griffin as Events Chairman, and Anne Richardson in charge of Newsletter Design and Layout.

Treasurer's Report: Linda distributed the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$17,059.61. The report was approved, with the notation that \$35 still needs to be paid to the State Corporation Commission. Insurance of \$869 is due to Burke and Burke. Linda said she had paid the \$1,087.00 check for the LRCA Directory that week, although the final total likely would go up slightly with the ordering of extra copies.

Directory Update: Derrick relayed Nancy Hahn's e-mail reporting the estimated amount for printing the LRCA directory. K&E Printing gave a quote of \$1045.00 for 600 directories of similar style and quality of previous editions. Nancy suggested we order at least 600 directories since the previous run of 675 has apparently run out. The Board consensus was to order 650.

Linda also reminded us that tickets to ILDA Casino Night would be \$30 until June 30, and would then rise to \$75.

Mastenbrook Grant Update: Bob Kachur reported that Mary Kirk Menafee of Merrifield Gardens met with Mark Rogers of Fairfax County and is seeking county approval for our plans for the fence so that she can install it. She recommends planting chokeberry, forsythia, winter jasmine and itaea, all local variants that should do well. The fence would run from the sign up the stream, but there would be space between the fence and the stream. Shrubbery would be planted behind it as a boundary and then would redirect the trail. Bob showed pictures of the county-approved bench. He is willing to walk someone else through the details of the project before he moves in July.

Neighborhood Signs: Bob said he had not gotten any responses to his inquiry about placing out signs. He said he could do four for the July 4 event, but after that would be gone. There was discussion of where the signs were located. There was also discussion of a neighborhood welcome sign, but initial price estimates seemed prohibitively costly. Derrick said he had talked with the builders of the ILDA pool sign, who seemed willing to do a similar one for LRCA for about \$900. Derrick will follow up with them about the sign.

July Fourth Parade and Carnival Planning: Connie said she was waiting to hear back from the Marching Band organizer. She had gotten the government road use permit back, and now needed to show it to the West Springfield police. She said she would like to order ribbons for the paraders at \$1 (prize) and .50 cents (regular). She had talked with Marsha Gallagher, Clown, about appearing at the carnival, but Marsha's fee of \$450 for 2-2.5 hours struck the Board as rather steep. It was decided that we could pay LRCA teenagers to do face painting and the same amount to Marching Band participants and save a lot of money. It was agreed to raise the amount paid to the face painters and Band participants to \$30. Connie said she needed to contact the firemen, and that she had already reserved the snow cone machine and a larger Moon Bounce than last year's. The Board agreed it was not necessary to ask for donations since there is ample funding for the carnival. There was also discussion of possible bubble wrap for a satisfying sound at the finish line as bikes crossed it, provision of water, purchase of balloons by the Bishops, the need for dozens of cupcakes, and locating the Polaroid cameras to take photos of the parade participants.

LRCA Link: The Board discussed the upcoming issue of the Link and of possible articles for the next newsletter. The deadline for articles was June 18, according to a message from Anne. Some suggestions for articles were: recent college and HS graduates from LRCA (Nancy G's idea), casino night and road beautification efforts. Connie announced the date for the Homes Tour would be October 5, 2-5 PM. In response to Anne's request for a new editor, Nancy Gordon will take charge of the Link.

Marlee Spirit Day: Possible LRCA assistance in paying for food for Marlee Spirit Day at ILDA was discussed. The Board agreed to contribute \$200 provided the event was open to all LRCA members. It was understood that all profits from the event go directly to brain research, and do not go into the ILDA treasury. Connie agreed to contact Janice Viola of ILDA to offer the money. Derrick said he would ask Janice to post on the ILDA website an announcement that the event was free for LRCA members.

Neighborhood Watch Report: Jon Parker reported via e-mail that the Neighborhood Watch will operate this summer with two teams. He and Phil Shutler, the other team lead, will try to get back to four teams after they recruit two more team leads. Watch materials will be kept at Phil Shutler's house at 8917 Braeburn while Jon is having a garage added to his house.

Jon also contacted Officer Kevin Horan, the Crime Prevention Officer, at the West Springfield station about erecting Neighborhood Watch signs for our community. Officer Horan said we should send him the information about where we would like the signs placed and the police would erect them. Jon sent him a map marked with five locations for new signs (in addition to the one already on Braeburn). As of 9 June, the signs had not yet been placed and Jon had not received a reply to his e-mail to Officer Horan requesting information on their status.

Community Affairs Report: Ivan Dietrich reported via e-mail the Braddock District Council meeting that took place on May 13. LRCA was thanked for its \$250 contribution to road beautification, which designates LRT (236) from Pickett to Guinea Road. VDOT will cut three times this year versus two last year. The County Sheriff will help with good behavior inmate labor. Marie Turner of Fairfax County spoke about “Community Parking Districts” that principally surround schools and other restricted areas with the goal of restricting parking to mostly residents. These may be established by petition followed by review by authorities at various levels. Motor homes may not be parked on residential streets, but on driveways. Commercial vehicles may not be parked on residential streets, but are defined only as vehicles whose registered gross weight exceeds 12,000 pounds. Supervisor Bulova planned to host a picnic on July 8 in the area on the back side of Kings Park Library. Braddock District Council was to elect officers at its June 10 meeting, to which LRCA Board member might choose to attend. A ribbon cutting ceremony was scheduled on June 28 for the new VRE parking garage at Burke Center.

LRCA Website Updates: Derrick discussed the improvements to the website at www.lrcaonline.org and necessary additions from the community meetings. Articles and photographs for the website were discussed. Compliments were given to the photos of nature and the May board meeting that graced the website.

LRCA directory production update: It was reported that the directory was going to the printer that week.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 July at Nancy Hahn’s house (later changed to Tuesday 15 July).

Adjournment