

LRCA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, 10 November 2008, 7:30 PM

Board Attendees: Derrick Chamlee, Maryann Fox, Linda Smith, Nancy Hahn, Ivan Dietrich, Frank Judnich, Paula Weiss
Regrets: Anne Richardson, Nancy Gordon, Connie Griffin, Jon Parker

Location: Maryann Fox's house, 8924 Stark Road

LRCA Board Business:

Review of September Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,971.03 as of December 8. The report was accepted as submitted. A discussion of the next major expense, the hayride, took place.

Neighborhood Watch report: There was discussion of a recent incident in which five men from an SUV were seen taking photographs of the houses behind ILDA pool. A neighbor did manage to take the SUV's license plate number. ILDA has been talking to the Truro Neighborhood Watch about the incident.

The Board also discussed the recent demand by the county that ILDA Pool plant trees along Braeburn Road for aesthetic reasons. The pool and the Board are concerned that such plantings will be harmful to security, as it will block the view of the pool parking lot from the street. Linda noted that there had been trees along the road before Hurricane Isabel, when they fell down. It was noted that a neighborhood petition may be circulated about the trees. The Board decided not to take any action at this time.

Community Affairs Report: Ivan said a meeting of the Braddock District Council was scheduled for the next night, but the agenda was unclear at that point.

Maryann gave a report on the Homeless Walk she helped organize. Maryann expressed some surprise at the relatively low turnout—about 20 neighbors—but Nancy noted that Scouting for Food had also had their event the same day.

LRCA Link: Derrick will call Anne to ask her for the next deadline. Nancy had not received any information from Anne, but had sent her a list of people who got left off the directory, in particular one block. Five households had inadvertently been cut from the bottom of that list when the supplementary list of names appeared in the Link, however. Nancy said she would reissue a supplement with those households' information. In any case, we will have a new directory in February/March in which everyone should be correctly included. Derrick asked Nancy and Frank to copy the names into a Word document and send it to him, as he would take care of it.

Membership Report: Frank passed around a sample membership application in which only those households who had changes to make would need to reply. To reduce the complexity of the membership application system, Frank will be the central repository for checks. Block captains will return dues and the checklists with changes indicated to Frank, who will pass on the sheets to Nancy and the checks to Linda. If people have moved, the block captains need to note this. There was discussion of how to streamline the sample membership application and clarify the instructions for the most useful responses, for example by asking explicitly for people to opt out of having their personal invitation other than their address in the directory. It was agreed the default should be having people's full information listed, and having those who do not want that information listed to explicitly opt out on the form. Frank and Nancy would work to clarify the wording.

Winter Hayride: Maryann gave an update on the hayride, scheduled for December 7th. She had talked with ILDA about food, and the pool will sell food. Christmas trees will also be for sale. ILDA would put the promotional information on their marquee. Maryann had not yet asked the police for assistance, although she said the auxiliary force could be helpful, perhaps with flashlights. Maryann said she could use some help with the wagons and with finding drivers to lead and bring up the rear of the processions. Derrick said we could find someone. Linda said she could give Maryann the check for the hayride expenses after the Board meeting.

Thomas Lyles: Board members discussed a recent obituary for Thomas Lyles, who was the principal of Wakefield Forest Elementary School and who lived on Braeburn. Linda's parents knew him in retirement in North Carolina. It was remembered that Mr. Lyles ran a tumbling show every spring which was a big community event. During WWII he was part of the Red Ball Express that drove gasoline for Patton's tanks. It was decided to place an article about Mr. Lyles in the Link.

Website Update: Potential postings include something about the Homeless Walk and hayride information. Frank noticed that the map of the area on the website was incorrect but we were all relieved it was correct in the directory at least.

Community Care Group: It was decided to publicize the CCG in order to attract both new helpers and to alert those who may be in need of assistance. The Community Care Group has been making dinners for an elderly neighbor. Nancy said that some people were disappointed it had appeared to disband, but was happy to note it had revived after the Directory appeared. Nancy suggested putting a blurb about the CCG in the Link. Several Board members volunteered to help; Derrick is already running the group.

Cavalier Cruise Night donation: Derrick will call Connie to see what's going on with the proposed LRCA sponsorship of this high school social event.

Mastenbrook Grant Update: Nothing new to report

Fallen Tree: Linda noted a big old tree that had fallen on the trail a few weeks ago after a heavy rain. Derrick said he would notify the park authority.

ILDA Pool Sign: Derrick told ILDA we would donate about \$700 to the cost of the signage, and LRCA would get partial use of the signs to publicize events. ILDA would be responsibly for maintaining the signs.

Adjournment

Next meeting at Nancy Hahn's, 8915 Braeburn Dr, December 8, 2008