



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS
ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING
Tuesday, November 8, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the Forest Hill Home Owners was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at the A.M. McGregor Home beginning at 7:03 p.m. There were 36 residents in attendance including the following Executive Committee members: Hester Lewellen, Chair of the Board of Trustees; Nate Wright, V.P. of Membership (through 12/31/11); Sally Miller, Trustee at Large; Joyce Rothenberger, Secretary; and Tony Rucpic, Treasurer.

Absent were Executive Committee members: Christopher Hubbert, President; Jeff King, V.P. of Standards; and Jeff Dross, Newsletter Editor.

Hester called the meeting to order and gave a welcome to all attendees. She then introduced the Executive Board members in attendance.

The minutes of the November 9, 2010 Annual Residents' meeting had been handed out and a **motion to approve** them was made by Dorothy Rambo and supported by Nate Wright.
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The financial report for the past 10 months was presented by Tony Rucpic, who is serving his 10th year as treasurer. Tony feels that we will show a deficit of around \$2,000 by the end of the year due to an outstanding landscaping bill. He has challenged the cost of our 4 pieces of property in the past and was able to get those assessments reduced. We just are not getting members to pay their dues. It was suggested to have Trustees canvas their areas to encourage members to donate. The problem derives from the Charter that provides that it is not mandatory to pay dues. **A motion to approve** this report was made by Dale Rothenberger and supported by Ron DeVito. **CONSENSUS**

Nate Wright gave the membership report next. We have 20 new members so far this year, which is 9 less than last year at this time. In 2009 there were 49 new members. It was suggested that all renters should be paying dues, as there are a considerable number living in Forest Hill. They should also receive a new member packet that includes an introduction letter, code of regulations, our covenant, and a map of the area. Also, this packet should include a list of approved businesses that are available to do repairs in the area and a referral to the Resource Repair Center on the corner of Noble and Oxford. When Nate visits the new member he should ask the local trustee to be with him if at all possible.

Sally thanked Nate for being the V.P. of Membership in the past 5 years. She also reminded all trustees that they should have their dues paid up each year and attend the 2 trustee meetings held each year. **A motion to accept the list of trustees for 2012** was made by Peter Schofield and supported by Louise Kates. **CONSENSUS**

Hester next read off the names of the Executive Board who have volunteered for 2012:

Christopher Hubbert, President
Jeff King, V.P. of Standards
Sally Miller, V.P. of Membership
Joyce Rothenberger, Secretary
Tony Rucpic, Treasurer
Hester Lewellen, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Jeff Dross, Newsletter Editor

Lynnette Ellison and Marsha Cappy presented their Block Watch thoughts and ideas. They have 10 core members and are asking the trustees to help canvas the Forest Hill neighbors. As they do this, they should note the vacant homes, notify of break-ins, collect email and phone numbers of members. They would like to implement the slogan “each one, meet one”. Get to know your neighbors and help keep track of when people are on vacation, etc. Just be “neighborly!” This will help keep our area safe. It is a team effort, don’t rely on the police to do it all. “In unity there is strength.” They will be having a meeting for all interested people on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Forest Hill Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disability building, 14800 Private Dr.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Mike and Fiona Reilly for their donation of time and money spent on the Blue Cottage this past year. They have lived in Forest Hill for 30 years. Mike, in accepting this plaque, gave his thanks and offered the Block Watch group help from his son in developing their web site.

The special guest this evening was Gary Norton, Mayor of East Cleveland. He had recently called a meeting of police from East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights to work together in providing safety to our neighborhoods, especially Forest Hill. It was this meeting that Lynnette and Marsha attended and decided to do the Block Watch. Gary has promoted East Cleveland with success in getting vacant, derelict buildings torn down and new businesses and homes built to return people to his city. He is working to get University Circle to expand into East Cleveland. He is a very positive promoter for East Cleveland.

Questions and discussion followed:

- Please feel free to use the Blue Cottage for small meetings. Reservations should be made through Chris Hubbert.
- Key Bank offers low interest loans through the Restoration Society.
- Peter Schofield raised concerns regarding the foundation of the Blue Cottage. Should someone be looking into this?

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m. by Dale Rothenberger and supported by Sally Miller. **CONSENSUS**