

ANNUAL 2019 MEMBERS' MEETING

The 2019 Annual Members' Meeting, was held on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. 3031 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights.

ALL FOREST HILL HOMEOWNERS, SPOUSE, OR PARTNER RESIDING IN THEIR HOME WERE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

Hearty hot appetizers, cheese, fruit, vegetables, cookies, hot cider and coffee were available starting at 6.00 pm. The Restoration Society provided brochures & fliers with tips on maintenance of older homes, from windows, to tile or slate roofs to choosing paint colors. Members of our Standards Committee were on hand to answer questions.

ANNUAL REPORTS: As required by Ohio law a number of reports, including financial and those of the various FHHO committees were presented and there was the annual election of Directors.

VOTE ON REVISED VERSION OF BYLAWS: Residents were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposed bylaw revisions by lining up to take the mike and speak for a maximum of 3 min each, with no interruptions or follow-up discussions from the audience, the exception being if permission from the Chair was requested for a simple question or comment that was needed for clarification. Other than comments from two members of the bylaw committee, residents argued against adoption of the proposed bylaws. The primary reason was that they considered all residents to be members with the right to vote and knowing that contributions were voluntary, they strongly objected having to pay an undetermined amount to become a member and to vote. Another popular reason was an unwillingness to break our 80-year old tradition of having directors and officers serve solely as volunteers, allowing them to be compensated for their services. In the interests of time, this portion of the meeting had to be ended after about 15 residents had spoken and attendees were asked to check YES/NO or ABSTAIN on the motion to approve the Bylaw Committee's proposed revision of the current bylaws on their ballot sheet.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (Trustees): The Nominating Committee had posted the slate of recommended trustee candidates on the website 10 days prior to the meeting, with links to the candidates nomination forms so residents had had time to evaluate the candidates. Eight of the ten candidates were present at the meeting and were asked to come to the front of the room to be introduced to attendees. After that, members were told that they should complete both sides of their ballot and hand it in at the voting table as they left at the end of the meeting.

BRIEF UPDATE FROM EAST CLEVELAND PARKS ASSOCIATION (ECPA); Dick Secor spoke about the work that he had done together with Gordon Hay and Bryan Thomas in East Cleveland Forest Hill Park over the past year, as well as some of their ongoing and future plans. At the conclusion, President Dr. Jo Fox presented Mr Secor with an imitation check telling him that FHHO had committed to donate \$400 to any project of ECPA's choice.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS OF 2019 ANNUAL EAST CLEVELAND FOREST HILL PARK FALL PHOTO CONTEST. Dr. Fox asked Mr. Secor to present the awards to the winners of the joint FHHO/ECPA Fall Photo Contest while she projected an image of the awardees 's winning photo on the screen. Mr. Secor presented a 40" x 20" print of his award-winning photo to the Grand Prize winner, Doug Menafee. Runner-up, Joannie Havach was unable to attend the meeting so her husband, Jim Havach, accepted a 14" x 11" print of Mrs. Havach award-winning photo on her behalf.

RECOGNITION OF RESIDENTS: Bryan Thomas was recognized as a resident who had made a special contribution to the community and FHHO during 2019, both through his work in East Cleveland park and his efforts at volunteer events such as the Burlington lot clean-up and the Rockefeller Jazz and tea event.

ADJOURNMENT: DR. Fox thanked the members for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.