



FOREST HILL HOME OWNERS
FALL TRUSTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 2012

The Fall Trustee Meeting of the Forest Hill Home Owners was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at the Blue Cottage beginning at 7:23 p.m. There were 33 residents in attendance including the following Executive Committee members: Hester Lewellen, President pro tem & Chair of the Board of Trustees; Sally Miller, V.P. of Membership; Joyce Rothenberger, Secretary; Tony Rupcic, Treasurer; 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 March 13, 2012 Spring Trustee meeting had been handed out and a motion to approve them was made by Ron DeVito and supported by Pat Ortez.

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The financial report for the past 8 months was presented by Tony Rupcic. Year-to-date shows us at \$15,449.76. The easement between the Blue Cottage and the next door property owner, Ted Howard, has been paid in full. Again, we look to have an approximate \$1,200 loss for 2012. There were some capital improvements made this year and the economy has not recovered enough for us to gain interest on our investments. An audit review has been completed for 2012 and we passed due to the good care Tony does with the books. **A motion to approve the financial report was made by Nate Wright and supported by Cynthia Hunt. CONSENSUS**

Jeff King gave a brief report concerning the Standards Committee. They have made strides this year with the help from Ted Howard and 4 other members. They have done several ride arounds and sent out letters to homeowners not in compliance. Most have complied after being notified. There followed a discussion of an original Rockefeller located at 16038 Henley that had been abandoned and the outside has been in disrepair for the past several years. Realtor, Frank Ricchi said the house is still sound and in good shape. He has met with the owner and has been inside. Plans are to have the inside cleaned up and put on the market. The house is paid for and taxes are up to date, so it just needs to be cleaned. Trustees in attendance this evening informed Jeff of a few more locations that need to receive a letter from Standards. To help the Standards Committee there has been a computer donated to us at the Blue Cottage and we now have internet access. A FHHO member that lives on the corner of Lee and Brewster is in dire straits and needs attention. Jeff King and Frank Ricchi will get together and meet with the resident to

try and help him out. The Forest Hill Historic Preservation Society (FHHS) plans to have signs made and posted on the corner lots of Cleviden and Mt. Vernon, Lee and Brewster, and Wyatt and Newbury to designate that these are the original Rockefeller homes that started Forest Hill. Jeff and Frank will also discuss this with the resident. The signs will be purchased by the preservation society and East Cleveland will install them.

Sally Miller gave the membership report next. We have 16 new members so far this year and there are 17 homes that are owned by banks and/or investors. Folders are being made up for renters so that they can be informed as some are rent-to-own residents. Sally also reported on cleanup and improvements being made to the 4 properties that FHHO own. She is always looking for more help. This year her focus has been on the Northvale Triangle at the corner of Northvale and Forest Hill Blvd. The East Cleveland Park Association has received a \$1500 grant from Home Depot and has designated \$500 to help us at the Northvale Triangle.

Jeff Dross reported that he gets the FHHO newsletter out twice a year. He has done this since 2004. He always has plenty of room for articles. If you have an idea for an article, let him know and he will compose it, or you can do your own. Adelle DiMarco Kious said she is involved with Neighborhood Connections, which is supporting residents in doing neighbor circles. This will be put in the next newsletter. Jeff also has set up a Twitter account for FHHO (Forest Hill Homes) so you can get information regarding FHHO. Jeff is also on the marketing committee for FHHO. The committee will be working on a brochure to give to the realtors. The best way to support the neighborhood is to get good people to move in here.

Hester updated us on what she has done since becoming President pro tem in April. One thing was getting Social Network.com set up for FHHO. Our address for this is "fhho.nextdoor.com". There are 92 members signed up so far.

Hester brought to the meeting this evening the thought of selling the property FHHO owns on Mayfield. It is parcel #681-20-022 and is assessed at \$25,400. The trustees need to give their okay for this to be done. After discussion **a motion by Cynthia Hunt was made to have the executive committee research whether we should sell or lease the property and bring the information to the next trustee meeting in the spring of 2013. The motion was supported by Louise Kates. A second vote on the sale of the parcel gave the Executive Committee permission to go ahead and sell or lease the property after doing the research. CONSENSUS.** It was suggested that we check with the immediate neighbors before putting this on the market as one of them may be interested in buying or leasing.

Ken Tench reported on the Nominating Committee results after thanking the committee members for their work. This year we have an unusual situation in that there are 2 members interested in running for president. Ballots were handed out. **A motion was made by Cynthia Hunt to accept the slate of officers not opposed. CONSENSUS.**

Officers for 2012/13 are:

Sally Miller, Senior V.P.

Chris Hubbert, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Joyce Rothenberger, Secretary

Tony Rupcic, Treasurer
Joyce Holloway, V.P. of Membership
Jeff King, V.P. of Standards

Mike Reilly and Hester Lewellen then gave their campaign speeches. After listening to their comments the trustees voted. The final ballot count for the office of president was 16 for Hester and 7 for Mike. One trustee vote was invalid because the trustee is not current in paying their dues and not reflected in the total. There was also one absentee vote. There is no provision for this, therefore that vote was not counted.

Hester Lewellen is the FHHO president for 2013.

Chris Hubbert thanked Hester for stepping in when he resigned this past April, and Mike for all of his ideas.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

/s/ Joyce Rothenberger

Joyce Rothenberger
FHHO Recording Secretary