

Scottsmoor Community Association Minutes August 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President, Arnie Benson. Other officers present were Kate Perez, secretary. Our president was excused due to a broken leg and our treasurer was excused due to a recent operation. 21 members attended in all.

The minutes from the previous meeting were handed out. A motion to approve the *amended** minutes was made by Lee Bird and seconded by Shirley Schuchman. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was made by Arnie Benson – \$6013.78 was the balance in our account as of August 10, 2009. We have a total of \$1,585.60 in outstanding bills.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Lee Bird and seconded by Doug Chamberlain. The motion carried.

Introductions of Guests – Monica Benninghoff, Jazzercise instructor, and members of the Scottsmoor Volunteer Fire Department were our guests.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations – Doug Chamberlain reported that Mrs. Marge Kinnebrew had passed away. We sent flowers this morning. Arnie asked that we take up a collection for the flowers, and a collection was taken.

Website – Kate Perez reported that we have signed up for statistical reports (included free with our contract) from GoDaddy.com, the company that hosts the www.Scottsmoor.org website. This means that we will be getting reports that tell us who and how many are visiting our website and what pages are the most popular. This should help in convincing potential advertisers that our website ads are a good deal. She also reported that we have 5 ads currently on the Scottsmoor website and those who take ads now will get them free until January 1st of 2010.

Meeting Hall – Lee Bird reported that we had a successful ribbon cutting ceremony with 65 people present including Commissioner Fisher and it seems that he will see that our roof is repaired. Parks and Rec. has said that they will put a bottled water system in the Meeting Hall but we may have to pay for refills. We also held our 1st Yard Sale fundraiser and we netted \$367.25. We have talked about having one in November or December or having a combination Christmas Craft Show and Yard Sale. We have had a couple people express interest in renting the Meeting Hall. We are still in need of supplies for the Meeting Hall. The Goforths donated a clock and aprons, Arnie donated a clock, someone donated a printer and Doug donated a TV. We also have basic cable free from Brighthouse.

Float Committee - Brian Kyle reported that we'd like to look at the float and see what needs to be done to renovate it. The committee is going to meet again this coming Sunday at 1 p.m., and they are looking for ideas of what people would like to have in the way of Christmas decorations.

Old Business:

Mims Scottsmeer Community Center

Lee Bird reported that we had 8 properties that we were looking at. The farthest North was across from the Mims/Scottsmeer Library. The Scottsmeer/Mims Community Center Referendum Committee, settled on the Salib property across from Library as their number 1 choice. The Whitten property, South of Fuel Tech in Mims, was chosen as choice #2. Parks and Rec. accepted committee's recommendation of properties number 1 and 2. The county will go into negotiations and will purchase a property. This does not mean that there are funds for the Center itself but just the land purchase.

Postal Issues

Lee Bird had contacted Suzanne Kosmas, our Congresswoman; she wrote us a letter saying that she has written to the United States Postal Service on our behalf. She promised to contact us as soon as she received a reply from them. In the meantime, she invited us to contact Jay Malsky in her Port Orange office at (386) 756-9798 if we have further questions and also encouraged us to go to www.Kosmas.house.gov to sign up for her e-mail newsletter.

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Arnie –as soon as we know more, we'll talk about it.

New Business:

Activities

Jazzercise

Monica, our guest, spoke about Jazzercise. It has been around for 40 years and it's purpose is to teach health and fitness. She also teaches Jazzercise Lite and that is the one that she would like to offer at the Scottsmeer Meeting Hall. This is a less strenuous class and lasts for 30 minutes rather than 1 hour. It can be held 2 nights per week. She does need a stage and we would have to construct or buy this for her.

Her price is \$90 for 8 weeks if paying cash, check or credit card, or \$33 per month if paying by automatic debit. Jazzercise, pays the facility a % of gross. She handed out brochures, schedules and 7 day trial passes. She's available to do talks on health or demonstrations. She would need 30 days to set up a class. She would need 10 – 15 students to make it pay off. If you pay the fee at one class, you can go to any any of the other Jazzercise classes free. Students just a chair for the Lite Class, and a mat for the regular class.

Lee Bird made a motion to arrange for Jazzercise Lite for 2 nights (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at our Meeting Hall. Shirley Schuchman, seconded the motion. The motion carried. We hope to start in October.

Tai Chi

Kate Perez gave a short talk about Tai Chi, which she has taught for many years in Maryland and currently teaches in Titusville. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art, but it is done very slowly and gently for health and relaxation reasons rather than as a fighting sport. Tai Chi has been proven to lower blood pressure, improve balance and reduce stress and anxiety. Kate offered to teach a Tai Chi class at the Meeting Hall for \$5 per student, per class with half of the fee being donated to the Meeting Hall. Students would not be hitting or fighting, but practicing the Tai Chi, Yang long form. This class would be one night per week. Lee Bird made a motion that we do Tai Chi class, Shirley Schuchman seconded it. The motion carried.

Dance Class

Tom Perez remarked that our Meeting Hall Activity Questionnaires were counted and the results indicated that a lot of our citizens were interested in dance classes. Tom gave a short talk about his experience as a dance instructor and offered to do a swing (1940's) dance class. His fee would also be \$5 per class, per person and he would give half to the Meeting Hall. This class would be one night per week. Lee Bird made a motion that we schedule the dance classes and Shirley Schuchman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Spaghetti Dinner

Bryan Kyle & Arnie Benson, proposed that we offer a spaghetti dinner at the Meeting Hall. The proposed price was \$6 per plate. They will need more cooks to help and they are looking for feedback. Cathy Goff suggested that we try it before our next meeting. We would offer pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, coffee, sodas and maybe donated desserts. We will need plastic containers, Tupperware, Rubbermaid or even, big butter tubs. Take out will also be available. Bryan made motion that we go ahead with the spaghetti dinner Doug Chamberlain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Haunted House

Arnie reported that, at ribbon cutting, residents approached him and asked if we were going to have the Haunted House like the Fire Department used to do in the same location as the new Meeting House. Lt. Sanders, Scottsmoor Volunteer Fire Department stated that they are still thinking about doing it. His question to us was, how deep do we want to get into it? They have the equipment, fireproof supplies etc., but will need workers.

Lee Bird remarked that we can provide facility but we don't have any budget to pay for equipment. Arnie Benson suggested that we let the Fire Department use our building, but do the Haunted House as THEIR fundraiser. Doug Chamberlain made a motion to lend our facility to the Scottsmoor Fire Dept. to use for their Haunted House. Anita Goforth seconded. The motion carried. The firefighters will take the info. back to their group and let us know if this plan is a go.

Bingo

Doug Chamberlain reported that we are still thinking over offering Bingo at the Meeting Hall.

9. Other Considerations

Doug Chamberlain made a motion that we purchase at least 3 new tables for the Meeting Hall. Ed Rost seconded the motion. Lee Bird remarked that the cost would be \$222 more dollars and we have 11 currently. The motion carried

10. 50/50 - Bryan Kyle won \$18.50 from a pot of \$37.00

11. Adjournment - Glenda Ceballos made the motion to adjourn

12. Refreshments were served.

**A copy of the amended minutes of July's meeting is available on our website at www.Scottsmoor.org under the link labeled, 'documents.'*