

Balcones Village/Spicewood HOA
Agenda – March 20, 2019
7:30PM Balcones Country Club

Present: Jim Aberle, Cathy Brocato, Charlie DeWeese, Jacque Forrest, Suzie LaPlant, Sue Schupbach, Nancy Shindler.

Absent: None

Called to Order at 7:40 pm

Minutes: Feb. 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved by e-mail and have been posted on the HOA Web site.

Treasurer's Report: Sue moved that we accept the February treasurer's report. Suzie seconded and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

- Membership – Suzie
 - There currently are 565 members of the HOA. At this time last year there were 557 members.
 - Five homes sold in February.
 - Eenie Sullivan has retired and so can no longer provide us with information on homes sold. Karen Choate will give us that information going forward.
- ACC – Jacque
 - There was an inquiry about the new home being built on Petite I Cove. Jacque will respond to the inquiring homeowner.
 - A homeowner asked about installing a propane tank and was advised that City of Austin requires that propane tanks be buried.

Old Business

- There was no new constable report.
- Postcard results
 - The HOA got 30 new members as a result of the postcard mailing. It was judged to be a success.

- We mailed to all residents, both HOA members and non-members. Next year we will discuss whether to mail only to non-members.
- Ideas on how to expand board membership
 - Develop committee chairs.
 - Publicize the contributions of the HOA to members and non-members. Actively solicit people to help in both support and leadership roles.

New Business

- Safety.
 - Neighborhood safety is a paramount concern to the HOA.
 - Charlie will ask about adding extra constable patrols, especially during the night-time hours.
 - Nancy will contact APD Senior Officer John Gabrielson about what the city is doing in response to these complaints.
 - We will look into having a neighborhood safety awareness seminar, possibly with the assistance of APD. This may require a volunteer from the neighborhood to assist with arrangements. Sue will contact BCC about availability.
- Communications.
 - Briefly discussed the draft communication plan. Board members are to review and send recommended changes to Nancy to be aggregated. That revised draft will be reviewed at the April meeting.
 - We want to make better use of social media to inform residents of the work done by the HOA.
 - Constable patrols.
 - Highlights of board meetings
 - Upcoming events.
 - Other matters of concern to the neighborhood, including safety.
 - We will develop a strategy to respond promptly to posts on Nextdoor, Facebook, etc.
 - Nancy moved that we post a brief notice after board meetings to the Yahoo list of HOA members. This notice will inform members that the board met, list a few highlights of the meeting (minimum of 2-3), and provide a link to the minutes on the HOA Web site. This message will be sent out

after the minutes have been approved and posted. Charlie seconded and the motion passed.

- Sue recommended considering holding member appreciation nights at BCC. More details to follow.
- Sue suggested some changes to the Holiday Lights contest. The proposed changes will be discussed closer to the holidays.
- Sue recommended purchasing ads in Balcones Living magazine to notify residents of neighborhood events like the garage sales, July 4th parade, annual meeting, etc. We will need to get a rate card and decide on details.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Sue Schupbach's house.

Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Shindler, Secretary