

## Lynnfield Civic Association

### Board Meeting

February 27, 2019

#### Minutes:

**Attendance:** Cathy Curry, Sande Caton, Mary Jo LoBosco, Linda Mirante, Callie Morrissey, Alice Collins, Linda Thomas

#### Community Safety – Cpl Hester, Community Services Officer, New Castle County Police

- Police service calls from mid-December to late-February were reviewed and there was some discussion about the items on the list of calls.
- Alarm systems in the neighborhood were discussed.
  - The NCC Police respond to home alarms unless a homeowner calls to cancel the alarm.
  - Homeowners are allowed three false alarms, then fines apply to homeowners for false alarms.
  - Homeowners must register home alarms with the county.
- Speeding in the community was discussed.
  - Technology is now available to collect data for one week at a time.
  - Speed bumps are unlikely due to emergency vehicles using the roads and not enough support in the community.
- Theft of motor vehicles is becoming a trend in the area.
  - When residents start their cars to warm them up in the colder weather, the cars are left unattended, and thereby attract car thieves.
  - A handout was provided with tips from police to safeguard vehicles.

#### Treasury Updates – Mary Jo LoBosco

- \$7600. in the bank.
- 96 households paid annual dues = 58% of the neighborhood.
- \$550. was spent for salting the roads.
- \$18. to Delmarva in December and \$37. to Delmarva in January for street lights at the entrances to the neighborhood.
- Reusable signs for the neighborhood events (including our website) were discussed favorably.

#### Evergreen Waste Initiative Update (Target: 86 homes)

- 10 more homes are needed to switch so that all customers receive another discount.
- The discount will go from \$63. per quarter to \$60. per quarter
- There was general agreement that the company is servicing the community well.

#### Delmarva Switch to Natural Gas Update

- Yes!
- Pre-construction meeting will be scheduled for interested residents during mid to late March.
- Signs will be purchased and placed in the neighborhood to alert residents of this meeting.

## **General Meeting**

- Tuesday or Wednesday evening in May.
  - No preference was mentioned.
  - Cathy is going to check on the availability of the library for that meeting.
  - Mother's Day is May 12<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day is the last weekend in May.
- Callie volunteered to give residents a tutorial about how to use the Next Door website.

## **Board Positions**

- All board positions are up for election at our general meeting in May.
- Currently, the secretary position is open.

## **Website v. Possible Facebook Group**

- Facebook Group was discussed and discounted
- Next Door website is serving our needs and is user-friendly, so it was agreed to keep this method of communication.
- Discussion was held about residents in the neighborhood who did not have computer access. Still looking for ideas to communicate with those residents.

## **Newsletter Topics**

- Other than items discussed during this meeting, nothing else was suggested.

## **Welcome Committee**

- When residents move into the neighborhood, it would be a nice idea for the HOA to welcome them!
- A card and a brief visit
- A handout with information about items of interest
  - HOA contacts
  - Local shopping, such as grocery, pharmacy, restaurants, etc.
  - Utilities
  - Schools information
  - Politicians who represent the neighborhood
- Sande volunteered to pilot this idea.