Oak Park/ Druid Hill

Neighborhood Association

GENERAL MEETING for July 16, 2019

The general meeting and ice cream social took place on July 16th, 2019 at St. Augustine church.

President Tom Forsyth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and introduced the new volunteers of the leadership team.

These were Jim Hauck, communications; Ann Herbage, Education and James Fairchild, social events.

Tom listed items of interest to the residents:

1. workshop on neighborhood branding by the city of Dallas on Saturday July 20th;
2. Council person Carolyn Arnold provided a list of upcoming City of Dallas budget meetings
3. Pet adaption at Dallas Animal Shelter on Sunday July 21st
4. Luncheon provided by St. Augustine church on Sunday July 21 at 12:00 noon.

Next came the reports by the various committees.

The minutes for the May meeting were read and adapted. Motion to adapt was made by Jim Hauck and seconded by Yolanda Smith.

The treasure’s report showed that we closed the pay pal account and currently have a total of about $ 1800 in the bank.

It was noted that on going projects required a commitment of $ 2592. With the expected contribution from Heritage Oak Cliff, a net of $800.00 was needed. Suggestions to raise the needed $800.00 were encouraged.

Alex stated that our membership was now 57, while Carla Ranger welcomed all the visiting groups and surrounding neighborhood associations.

Jim Hauck outlined features of the improved website and encouraged members to provide any information they wanted posted.

The focus for the night was Crime watch. The crime watch committee of Lucy Patterson, Joe Lucas, Jim Hauck and Bret Anderson provided an over view and introduced Dallas Police Department representatives who gave details on crime prevention.

It was noted that Oak Park/ Druid Hill was part of a larger community, so data was not Oak Park /Druid Hill specific. However, for this area, there were three robberies in the last three months. All incidents were on businesses.

Members were encouraged to install cameras, ring or similar door bell, get to know your neighbors, use a buddy system and be aware of one’s surroundings.

Training for the Volunteers in Patrol program will be provided by Officer Jamison Bone. Lucy Patterson will work to secure five or more persons and coordinate such training.

The officers explain 911 system should be used for issues in progress, while the 311 calls should relate to quality of life issues. The officers provide their contact information and stated that the website ‘**dallaspolice.net** ‘ is a good place to get data related to activity in the city.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted

Richard Thomas, Secretary