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SUBJECT: Minutes of the 2017 annual membership meeting
DATE: Sunday, January 15, 2017
LOCATION: Walsingham Academy Upper School Library

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Brandt at 3:05 pm.
The roll was called by Secretary Bruce Ullman. Of the 45 lots in the Association, 33 were represented either in person (22) or by proxy (11). This number constituted a quorum.

President Ed Brandt reminded everyone that homeowners associations have three purposes: to protect property values, to support City protective services, and to provide venues for a sense of community among neighbors. The current BOD is dedicated to serving these goals.

Ed then announced proof of notice of the meeting had been sent out, both electronically and by US Mail, in accordance with the By-Laws, and that a majority of the members present voted to waive the reading of last year's minutes.

Reports of Officers

- President Ed Brandt's report is at atch 1.
- Treasurer Jerry Howell announced that a City grant we had been awarded for landscaping required matching funds from the Association. As we were short \$178, Ed Brandt made up the shortfall from personal funds. Jerry asked the Membership to approve reimbursing Ed and the motion was carried unanimously. The budget report at atch 2 reflects this. The Membership approved the 2017 budget by a vote of 32-1.

Committee Reports

- Bill Pearson, who chairs both the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) reported that there was Lewis activity for the ACC this past year. The major work of the EMC was setting up the phone tree and collecting information about emergency contacts and equipment available in the neighborhood. He provided a large spreadsheet for attendees to read and update. Report at atch 3.
- Landscape Committee Chair Mary Ann Dallas' report is at atch 4.
- Association Liaison Special Committee Chair Mike Dallas' report is at atch 5.

Old Business

Bill Pearson reminded everyone that For Sale signs must either be of the type professional realtors use or must be approved by the ACC/BOD.

New Business

Approval of Restrictions: The BOD had approved an addition to the *Covenants and Restrictions, Article V, Section 5.13, Rules and Regulations*, to include "holiday and other outside décor" to the list of potential "nuisances" that the Board could restrict. As amending the *Covenants and Restrictions* requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire Membership (not just those present or represented by proxy), the measure needed at least 30 yes votes to pass. After discussion about how to define a "nuisance" and what other HOAs had done, the measure failed with 28 votes in favor. Jerry Mothershead and Jim Douglas suggested a rewrite might fare better next year.

Group Home: There was general discussion about the laws (both federal and state) regarding group homes in the context of Sen Norment's bill (SB1373) reported by Mike Dallas in his committee report. Jerry Mothershead explained the kinds of treatment programs that exist, statistics that show the public is in no more danger from group home residents than from the public at large, and how much judicial oversight there is in Virginia when someone is sent to a group home. Mike Dallas indicated there has been little activity evident from the group home in the Woods.

Election of BOD members

Ed Brandt announced that three of the five BOD members need to be replaced due to term limits and resignation: Mike Dallas, Jerry Howell, and Bob Fox. There being no write-in candidates, the membership unanimously voted Will Hummel, Patricia Mothershead, and Ken Lewis onto the Board and retained Ed Brandt and Bruce Ullman.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Ullman, Secretary

Attachments:

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Architectural Control Committee Report
4. Landscape Committee Report
5. Association Liaison Committee Report

NOTE: At the BOD meeting immediately following the Association meeting, the Board voted to continue Ed Brandt as President, Bruce Ullman as Secretary, and elected Will Hummell Vice President and Patricia Mothershead Treasurer.