

WEST KESSLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

January 18th, 2011 – 706 Kessler Woods Trl.

Call to order: **Mariam Andersen**

Call to order at 7:05.

Attendees: **Alejandra Rodriguez**

President:	Mariam Andersen
Vice President:	Kevin Hughes
Treasurer:	Kurt Johnson
Secretary:	Alejandra Rodriguez
Crime Watch:	Ashley Shultz
Green Leader:	Alejandra Rodriguez
Resident Guests:	Sue Hall, John Hasty

Minutes:

Motion: To accept the minutes as presented made by Ashley and seconded by Kurt. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report:

There is approx. \$4,500 in the account. Dues collection letter went out and currently collected amounts make take the account to \$5,000 that will help avoid fees.

Updated Christmas party expenses add up to \$150 including decorations for the Cul-de-Sac. The original budget was \$500.

Kurt is working on taxes that are due early this year. A printed treasurer's report is due next meeting to include collected dues and dues letter printing expense.

A budget needs to be put together for directory printing as well as website (last years grant) and cul-de-sac roundabout electrification and landscaping (this year's grant).

Motion: to accept the treasurer's report as presented made by Ashley and seconded by Kevin. Motion passed unanimously.

Social committee:

February's NNO at BEE's got good turnout. Next month's is proposed at Luckie's.

Spring Salad Supper planned for First Sunday in May. Committee is looking for hosts (indoor/outdoor) who can accommodate 30 people.

Green committee:

Alejandra made the attendants aware of the various programs City of Dallas has regarding water conservation and energy efficiency:

Throne for Your Home Toilet Voucher

Dallas Water Utilities offers up to \$90 per toilet to replace existing high-flow toilets (mostly pre-1985) with low-flow or high-efficiency toilet models. For more information visit:

www.SaveDallasWater.com.

Weatherization Assistance Program

This program is designed to increase the energy efficiency of homes, reduce expenses, and improve the health and safety of residents. For more information visit: www.DallasCityHall.org or call 214-671-1336.

Irrigation Check-ups

Dallas Water Utilities conducts free automatic irrigation system check-ups to make sure that your system is operating properly and that watering schedules are appropriate for your yard's needs. www.SaveDallasWater.com.

There's also a tree planting event coming up at Lake Cliff park:

Threes for Trees

Date: March 23, 2011 from 9 am to 12 pm

Location: Lake Cliff and T&P Hill Parks at White Rock Lake. Up to 150 trees will be planted in both parks. This tree planting event is brought to you by the City of Dallas and the Dallas Mavericks. For more information, or if you would like to participate, email info@dallastrees.org

Beautification committee:

Flowers at West Kessler rock will need to be replaced due to freeze damage. Plant donations from neighbors are encouraged.

Conservation league:

As mentioned in last month's minutes, a proposal for a 2011 grant was submitted by Sal that includes the installation of a 60 amp electrical service for cul-de-sac roundabout. A third bid was received, the lowest of them all at \$950. Laura Lockwood proposed including Gardens in Tenna Loma improvements with grant application. Rocks need to be stabilized and leveled and new plantings need to be added. A comprehensive plan to include lighting and landscaping of common areas (Rock/Tenna Loma Gardens/Cul-de-Sac roundabout) need to be put together.

Crime watch:

Some suspicious activity has been observed in Stevens Woods Court. We are all encouraged to call our neighbors if you notice something unusual. Ashley proposed emailing the area crime report to neighbors.

Chamber of Commerce:

Bob Stimson sent an email about a meeting to take place March 15th with the purpose of meeting City Council candidates. It would be a good opportunity to ask questions. West Kessler neighborhood will try to get both candidates into our General meeting March 15th, each one with 15 minutes to speak and ending with a Q&A session.

New Business:

- Sue Hall volunteered to fulfill the role of block captain role for 600 block of Tenna Loma.
- Our yearly Yard sale is planned for April 9th to tag along the Stevens Park neighborhood's yard sale. In order to obtain a city permit there is a \$15 dollar fee per house. Dave Neumann and Angela Hunt proposed to change the fee to be per event instead of per house. More information needs to be obtained to determine the fee that applies.
- Sal S. and Ashley S. are looking into adding a sign along the creek on the Twelve Hills side to prevent people from coming into the neighborhood through private property. The edge of the creek has a dangerous slope and should not be used as a hang out place. Kessler Woods is planning a gate to Twelve hills and has an agreement to leave it open for pedestrians.

Media committee:

Committee members need to send newsletter material to Kevin for next month's edition. Sue proposed adding information about home repair classes at Mountain View College. A note about neighborhood Facebook profile should be added to the newsletter.

Website quotes have been received from two sources. It was determined that Fill in the blank's bid was too high at \$4,400. A bid was not received from Lance Schlegel yet. A third bid was received from Becky M. (Elmwood) at \$2,700. Modifications based on previous board discussions to simplify the concept will be sent to both bidding parties for a come back bid. A second phase of the website development would include a 'Neighbors only' section. Chris S. may be approached as an information source for online fee processing.

Final directory updates expected for 3rd week of March for final version preparation. A PDF version will be available as well.

NEXT MEETING

March 15th, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Location 806 North Oak Cliff.

Meetings will happen on every 3rd Tuesday of the month for 2011 and they will be advertised in Oak Cliff People's event calendar.

Motion: to adjourn meeting made by Mariam and seconded by Kurt. Passed unanimously.