

WEST KESSLER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

May 17th, 2011 – Stevens Park.

Call to order: **Mariam Andersen**

Call to order at 7:09.

Attendees: **Alejandra Rodriguez**

President:	Mariam Andersen
Vice President:	Kevin Hughes
Treasurer:	Kurt Johnson
Secretary:	Alejandra Rodriguez
Green Leader:	Danny Rodriguez

Minutes:

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

Treasurer's report:

There is approx. \$5,000 in the account. Dues collection went out and 25% households have contributed. This percentage is lower than last year.

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

Social committee:

January's NNO at Tejano's 12 neighbors joined. Options for next month's include Lockhart, El Tizoncito and La Carreta Argentina restaurant.

Evite email list needs to be updated. Mariam will send current Gmail list to Rob.

Sunshine committee is being formed to approach new neighbors as well as inform them about neighborhood events and places to eat.

Twelve Hills Wine Tasting coming up at the end of February, Evite or more information to follow.

The Christmas party was a success and next planned event will be Spring Salad Supper. Date and place TBD.

Green committee:

Kevin has information for next newsletter. Danny will send updates regarding 'Save Water' classes offered by City of Dallas. With West Kessler website going live soon, Mariam recommended Danny and Ale to visit Winnetka Height's website as a reference.

Beautification committee:

Cul-de-sac's roundabout decorations looked great for the Christmas party. No yard of the month was awarded during the last months of the year. February's Yard of the month will be awarded to Chris and Ashley Shultz.

Flowers at West Kessler rock will need to be replaced due to freeze damage. More temporary lights need to be installed. Concrete encased would be a better option.

Jacques has been keeping an eye on the rock during golf course construction. The construction company has the committee's contact information if needed.

Conservation league:

No update except is time to think about grant applications. Due date is end of May.

Last year \$2500 in grant funds were awarded for media purposes to include:

- West Kessler website
- Event flyers
- Directories.

Money will need to be used before the end of 2011.

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. The proposal contains quotes by two different electrical companies - ranging between \$1,400 to \$2,000 - that include labor and materials, inspections and Oncor connection costs. Quotes do not include monthly bills that are expected to be for an average of 10KW a month with a onetime \$25 initiation fee. Sal recommended proceeding with Dallas Electric Company's quote if the funds are granted. This grant application would likely be complemented with plans to redo landscaping and irrigation.

The will be accepting neighbor's ideas for grant applications thru April.

Crime watch:

Mariam attended NOCCUPP meeting led by the new president, Audrey Pinkerton. She has some new and great ideas for this year. Membership renewal letter was sent out at the end of last year.

Chamber of Commerce:

No updated. As a side note, there are two candidates to the City council position. Dave Neuman is up for reelection and Scott Griggs with Fort Worth Ave. Development Group will be his opponent.

New Business:

Block captains to remain as assigned except for 600 block of Tenna Loma that has recently appointed Sue Hall. One added responsibility for this year's block captains will be their role as part of the Sunshine committee.

A folder with information for new neighbors will include:

- Sanitation calendar
- NNO & Social event announcements
- Present (Oak Cliff Cookies? Oak Cliff Coffee?)

501c3 status application requirements being researched by Jacques Groth thru OOCCL.

Media committee:

Directories will be printed once most neighbor information updates have been received. Website is in progress.

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting - June 21th, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Location TBD.

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 Kurt and seconded by Kirby. Passed unanimously.