

LRCA Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 7:30 PM

Board Attendees: Connie Griffin, Derrick Chamlee, Linda Smith, Paula Weiss, Jon Parker

Regrets: Ivan Dietrich, Nancy Hahn, Maryann Fox, Anne Richardson, Nancy Gordon, Frank Judnich

Location: Derrick Chamlee's house, 8929 Maurice Lane

**LRCA Board Business:**

**Review of August Annual Meeting Minutes:** Bob Kapchur's name was misspelled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Smith distributed the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$11,559.43 on September 10<sup>th</sup>. No new disbursements were made in August-September, but checks to the amount of \$475.05 cleared during that time period.

**Neighborhood Watch report:** Jon Parker said he and Phil Shutler were working on the schedule for Fall through January. There is a new crime prevention officer, JT Fry, at the West Springfield police substation who says he will put up two new Neighborhood Watch signs in LRCA, according to regulations that call for no more than two new signs each year per neighborhood. Officer Fry has put Jon on the distribution list for public safety-related notices such as child seat inspections and criminal activity such as the bank robbery that took place earlier in August. Jon hopes to be notified of and begin attending the monthly Neighborhood Watch organization meetings.

Nothing new has taken place in recruiting more NW members. He has been trying to encourage people to sign up for later runs, or to extend their watch hours later into the night. The biggest problem for Neighborhood Watchers is badly behaved "kids" roaming the neighborhood at later hours. Derrick asked whether there was any recruitment activity the Board should take. Jon says Phil has suggested a potluck, and Derrick replied that the LRCA Board would help publicize the event if Phil decided to go ahead with it.

**Community Affairs Report:** none

**Tour of Homes update:** Connie Griffin said five people had committed so far. Most people she's asked to volunteer their homes have declined, but she still has about five names left to call. Connie thought it might be helpful to buy some inexpensive potted mums from Costco to put in front of each participating home to identify them to Tour of Homes walkers, and as a goodwill gesture to each homeowner. Connie said she would aim to secure about 10 houses, and depending on her recruitment efforts over the next few weeks, would decide whether or not to go through with the event.

**LRCA Link:** Derrick will call Anne to ask her for the next deadline.

**Sponsorship of Cavalier Cruise event (new business):** Connie broached the possibility of LRCA helping sponsor the Cavalier Cruise event for Woodson HS seniors at Oak Marr Recreation Center. Other neighborhood associations are well represented among the sponsors, she said. Connie said she would find out how much LRCA should be expected to give to the event were we to help sponsor it.

**Membership Report:** Frank has suggested we postpone the next LRCA membership drive to January. Derrick said that would make sense and we could postpone elections until the spring board meeting. Linda said a delay in receiving membership income would be all right in terms of impact on the budget. It was decided to start the new membership drive in mid-January. Discussion ensued of the merits of including all LRCA residents in the directory, not just members.

**Website Update:** Derrick will post the next set of minutes on the LRCA website. Derrick asked Connie whether a Garden Club photographer could take some photographs to post on the website; Connie said she would ask. This request came after Connie noted that the Garden Club was having a difficult time booking space at Canterbury Woods Elementary School, which meant that LRCA needs to promptly request the first weekend in May for the LRCA Board Meeting.

**Thanks to the Gordons:** for hosting a potluck a few weeks earlier for LRCA Board members and spouses, an event that all present agreed had been delightful.

**Mastenbrook Grant Update:** Derrick said he had not worked on it recently. It will be necessary to ask Merrifield Gardens to supply a new estimate, which in turn we will submit to the county. If approved, then the county will give us matching funds to carry out the work.

**Dumpster Day:** It was decided Dumpster Day would take place in the spring.

Adjournment

Next meeting at Connie Griffin's, 6 October 2008