

Hiltonia Association General Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

7:00 PM

Home of Jim Ambrosio and Pat Rodewald

- A. Meeting was called to order by Lily Knezevich. There were 25 people in attendance.
- B. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Jim Ambrosio gave an update: as of December 31, there is \$2,237.10 in the Association checking account. There is \$2,744.69 in the House Tour savings account and \$5,234.79 in the Certificate of Deposit. All accounts total \$10,216.58. The report was approved.
- D. Committee Reports (oral reports)
- a. **Civic:** Maria Spillman noted there had not been a CPAC meeting and that drug activities around the neighborhood continue.
 - b. **Publicity:** no report
 - c. **Membership:** no report
 - d. **Social:** Kathleen Coughlin said there was nothing current.
 - e. **Hospitality:** Georgia Wallar said she was looking for a location for the March meeting.
 - f. **Worthy Projects:** Maria Spillman said the Association donated \$610 to Urban Promise: \$310 from residents and \$300 in matching funds from the Association.
 - g. **Communications:** Kathi Eckert said there is a new email address for the Hiltonia Association: hilltone.news@gmail.com . Residents can send Kathi information to the new email address. She is also updating and putting together a new contractor list. Kathi will also be redoing the Hiltonia website.
- E. **Unfinished Business:** Lily said Neighborhood Watch signs will be paid by the City, but it hasn't begun the work yet. Lily hopes to have more definitive news by the March meeting. Lily added that Hiltonia is also high on the list for surveillance cameras, which would be posted on Hilvista and Renfrew.

F. The 2018 slate of officers was voted on and approved:

President: Lily Knezevich

1st Vice Presidents: Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey

2nd Vice President: Marcia Youngs

Treasurer: Jim Ambrosio

Recording Secretary: Margaret Mason

Corresponding Secretary: Chrystal Miles

G. New Business:

- a. Assemblyman (and Hiltonia resident) Reed Guscoria spoke about a number of 11th hour building projects Governor Christie set into motion. He updated the group about plans that will affect downtown Trenton (the tearing down and relocation of Agriculture, Health and Treasury). He said that while that project is most likely a done deal, he said another project, to build a new, minimum security juvenile detention center on 22 acres between the Christina Seix Academy and the State Library for the Blind on Stuyvesant Avenue, may be reconsidered if residents voice their concerns. Lily said she will look into joining forces with other civic groups in the area (the facility is in Ewing). Reed suggested writing to state representatives and Governor Murphy with their concerns. Reed also said residents should be asking mayoral candidates their positions on the planned center.
- b. On a separate issue, Lily said cars speeding through the neighborhood continue to be a problem. The city is planning to put up mobile speed signs. One is definitely planned for Cornwall Avenue.
- c. Lily is going to reach out to West Ward neighborhoods to organize a Meet the Candidates night in March. Candidates for mayor, West Ward council and council at large will be invited.

Upcoming Hiltonia events and related events

First Flamingo Friday: hosts are needed for Feb., March, April and May

Holiday Party: January 20th, home of Barry Giordano and Joanne Rounsaville,
123 Renfrew Ave.

Next Association General Meeting:

Wednesday, March 14, 2018; 207 Renfrew Ave. (Lily's house).