

Hiltonia Association General Meeting

May 10, 2018

7:00 PM

Minutes

Home of Jeannie and John Weakliem

Meeting was called to order by Lily Knezevich

1) **Minutes** from the March 14th meeting were approved by voice vote, pending a minor correction to the Treasurer's Report.

2) **Treasurer's Report:** Jim Ambrosio presented. As of April 30th the Association balance was \$2,768.90. The House Tour savings account had \$2,745.71 and the Certificate of Deposit had \$5,252.09 for a grand total of \$10,766.60.

3) **Committee Reports** (oral reports)

A. **Civic:** Maria Spillman reported that there are a number of vacant properties, especially on Renfrew, that are problematic, particularly the Sullivan house that has been empty for 16 years. The widow of Dr. Sullivan has recently passed away, and it was decided that Lily, as president of the Association, would send a letter to the Sullivans' next of kin to urge action. Residents of Renfrew and Hilvista said there is increased drug activity at that end of the neighborhood with resulting trash – including underwear and used condoms. Maria also noted that CPAC wants to meet with both mayoral candidates to see what a new mayor will do to improve community policing. Speeding through the neighborhood continues to be a problem. Lily said she will write to Village Charter School about parents speeding in the morning.

B. **Publicity:** no report

C. **Membership:** Vacant

D. **Social:** Children's: Lily reported that the Easter Egg Hunt had to be canceled due to the weather.

E. **Hospitality:** Georgia Waller (absent)

F. **Worthy Projects:** Charitable/nonprofits recipients are being considered for 2018. Some possibilities mentioned were Cadwalader Park Alliance, Capital Philharmonic, Urban Promise (which received a matching donation last year) and Passage Theater. Other suggestions should be sent to Lily.

G. **Communications:** Kathi continues her efforts at getting an updated website up and running. The possibility of making much of the website limited to members was also mentioned.

Special Note:

Maria Spillman, chair of both the Civic and Worthy Projects Committees, resigned both positions as she prepares to move to California in June. Jacques and Maureen Lebel will co-chair Worthy Projects. Paulette Ayers and Jeannie Weakliem volunteered to co-chair the Civic Committee.

Maria has lived in the neighborhood for more than 30 years and throughout she has been a tireless crusader for our neighborhood and Trenton. Maria is a neighborhood treasure and we will miss her. Maria will be joining her family for new adventures in the Bay Area. We wish her all good things as she starts this new and exciting chapter.

5) Unfinished Business

Kathleen Coughlin, who was home with her new baby, shared with Lily her alarm about the amount of drug trafficking occurring on Kensington Avenue during the day. The Association voted at the meeting to approve the purchase of a set of Neighborhood Watch signs, while we wait for additional speed limit signs and watch signs from the city.

A Meet the Candidates Night is being put together for June 8th. Pat Flores and Kathi Eckert have both volunteered to host. As of now, the plan is to have each mayoral candidate meet with neighbors separately to answer some basic questions. After a period of time, the candidates will then switch houses. Linda Reid is also working on this event, which is still in the early planning stages.

Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey are still on the hunt for Hiltonia archives. If you have anything, let them know.

6) New Business

Hiltonia Garden Party will be hosted by Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey in mid-July.

National Night Out is August 7th. Kathleen Coughlin will oversee the event.

Movie Under the Stars is set for August 27th @ 7:30 in Cadwalader Park. It is a joint police/neighborhood activity. A family-friendly movie is planned.

Next General Meeting: [Tuesday, September 11, location](#) TBD

Upcoming Hiltonia Events and related events:

June 1: First Friday Flamenco (hosts are needed for August and beyond)

June 14: TCCA General Meeting, 7 p.m., Thomas Edison College, 111 W. State St.

June 28: CPAC Meeting, 6 p.m., Hermitage Police Station (4th Thursday of every month)

Additional Information