

Tuscany Homeowners Association General Meeting Minutes March 25, 2023 @ Tuscany Linear Park

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Call to Order and approval of October meeting minutes

Board President Clinton Farmer called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. There were 16 owners in attendance. Clinton asked for approval of the October meeting minutes. Randy Gonzales moved to accept the minutes and LV Cooley seconded. A vote was taken and all approved with no dissents.

Treasurer's Report

was presented by Mark Pirozzolo. He reported that we currently have over \$29,000 in our bank account. Several residents have not paid the \$300 dues that is due by March 31. If paid after that day, a \$25/month late fee will be assessed. The additional \$150 is due anytime between April 1 and July 1. Mark collects mail from our mailbox twice a month. If you would like to be credited sooner, you can drop it at his house, 419 Naples Drive.

We have received over \$7,000 from insurance for the auto accident affecting the front center wall and landscaping. We have so far only spent \$600 on stucco repair. Dan Daley says the paint color doesn't match on the right hand wall – damage was repaired by our original stucco painter after the walls had been repaired and was paid for by the person responsible for the damage.

The Board authorized \$250 for 6 American flags to be installed at the entrance to the subdivision (facing inwards) as has been done in the past. This is a fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Slidell Northshore (Alison Cuevas gave additional forms for anyone interested in purchasing a flag for their own property). The flags are installed for 5 holidays and are kept up over the weekend. The cost for a single flag is \$50 – buy 5 get 1 free, which is what the HOA did.

Landscaping

Alayna King was unable to attend the meeting, but she emailed a report to Dede, which was read to all. She stated that we will bid for a new landscaper in the summer (July/August) since the contract year has already begun. At that time, a more comprehensive scope of work will be developed including quarterly bush and flower fertilizing and disease control for the gardens as well as additional flowers. If this had been done previously, the bushes would be in better shape.

Current tasks being handled by the landscaper are:

- Identify problem areas and remedy/replacement options.
- Bedding plants will be filled in the next few weeks.
- Two like-kind bushes will be planted on each corner of the center wall. The remaining Camellia will be moved to the park but there's no guarantee of survival.
- The random patch of plants inside the front entrance to the left by the wall will be removed.
- A She-She camellia bush that is owed will be delivered and planted.
- Additional flowers will be added to the left and right wall gardens.

Randy also reported on the sprinkler heads in the linear park. We have 11 zones and 1 zone ran without stopping for more hours than scheduled. Randy had to turn it off at the box and suggests we have the box looked at for repairs.

LV also reported ruts in the linear park. It appeared one neighbor had a generator installed and it was delivered through the park into their back gate.

ACC Report

It was reported that some mailboxes are still missing numbers and all were reminded that overnight on-street parking is never allowed. There was some question about what constitutes overnight street parking: if the car is parked on the street before midnight and remains there until 5 am or later the next day that is OVERNIGHT.

New Business

The HOA won't sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt this year due to too few kids participating. There was concern that the Hunt should NOT have been cancelled by the Board without soliciting input from the neighborhood. Dede explained that notice had only been given a few weeks in advance of the proposed date, and that money hadn't been expressly budgeted for the bounce house. When it had been suggested that the Egg Hunt occur without the bounce house, the person suggesting the event felt that the event wouldn't last long enough to be worth the time and effort. She remarked that last year there hadn't been a lot of participation in the cupcake decorating that she had provided. She also stated that she was having to go out of town more often and it was difficult for her to plan.

Those in attendance that were in favor of the Egg Hunt suggested that a committee be formed for next year well in advance to make sure that the event occurs and so that the planning wouldn't fall on one person. It was suggested that an email go out to the whole neighborhood. **With these meeting minutes, it is suggested that a neighbor volunteer to head a Social Events Committee to ensure that this event, and any others desired by the neighbors, can take place without waiting for the Board to plan it.** If any expenses are incurred, the Board will be approached for reimbursement. In future, we need to budget the cost of the jumphouse in the Miscellaneous portion or add a new line item.

A Progressive Dinner was also suggested as a Social Event. The Social Events Committee should handle planning this as well.

Other Business

Freddie Savoie reported that our water system is now tied into the new retirement homes up the road and that they feed into the Poor Boy Canal behind his house. He was approached by Magnolia Water Company for permission to access the Canal through his yard to get equipment in to repair the water line which has a break.

It was stated that the garbage collectors are occasionally causing trash to collect in ditches in front of homes. It is the homeowners responsibility to keep their ditches clear of trash.

It was mentioned that there were several street lights out. While the HOA pays for the street lights, it is up to residents to report outages to Cleco via their online form. Dede has previously provided a link to the form in our Tuscany Estates Facebook group and had reported the two lights out on Tuscany Drive and one in front of the Hendersons house on Naples Court.
https://www.cleco.com/residential-commercial/service-requests/report-streetlight-out?fbclid=IwAR2EpU3tnRTM_OBKyydn34Z18MiZKwmCLx38OLmxhoOduHjCouhIkQTQK
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Mark Pirozzolo has a standing engagement every Saturday at 10:30 am and asked if we could move the meeting to a 9:30 am start. Those in attendance agreed. **By copy of these minutes, please reply to the Board Secretary with your Approval or Disapproval of the time change.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 am.

Minutes submitted by Dede Ricard, March 25, 2023.