**POPLAR POINT ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting Minutes**

**09.24.22 10:00 AM Playground**

**Attending**

Valerie Francis, George Hagerty, Cindy Hebert, Mark Helman, Steve Lord, Joanne McDermott, Barbara and Ed Nicholson, Tony Scelsa, Melinda Stephenson

Steve Lord, president, brought the meeting to order. Minutes were taken by Cindy Hebert, standing in for Mary Ann Naddy

**Secretary’s Report - Mary Ann Naddy**

Steve presented the minutes of the July 23, 2022 meeting, which were posted on the website prior to the meeting; copies were available for review. A motion to accept the minutes was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report - Tony Scelsa**

Tony provided a copy of the 09/24/22 finance report. Current balance is $2983.46. By comparison, ending balance for 9/26/2021 was $2232.79. There is an approximate 33% increase for this same time period from last year. To date, a total of 67 families have registered as members. He reviewed the dues and the expenses, noting the higher 1st Qtr. NK Tax Payment. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was approved.

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**Committee Reports**

**Sunshine/ Membership – Cindy Hebert**

No new families. After running the committee for 8 or 9 years, Cindy reported she will be handing over the reins of this committee to resident Sandy Bemenderfer who has expressed great interest and desire to take on this task.

**Playground – George for Bob Hirsch**

George reported that at the last meeting there was discussion about painting the concrete section on the far (south) end of the playground. One idea was a potential hopscotch or some other activity oriented for children to play. However, inspection showed the concrete is not in good condition. It has a significant dip that would need concrete building up/repair to make it level. It was decided not to address this again in the spring.

He also reported that the activity at the playground was light this summer and wondered if it was because of the higher temperatures.

**Website/ IT – Steve Lord**

Steve reported there was nothing new added to the website other than the regular updates and asked that if anyone wanted to share pictures to be posted, send them to him.

**Events**

**Halloween Hayride**

Steve reported he talked with Julie Beebe about the Halloween Hayride. She said the hayride company penciled in Sunday, October 23 at 4pm. Steve sent an email to PPA members asking for a headcount of interested parties to gage attendance. As of this meeting, 24 individuals would be participating. Steve will contact Julie to confirm the date.

**Holiday Dinner**

Cindy reported the Carriage Inn has been reserved for the PPA Christmas Party, Saturday, December 3. Cindy consulted with Joanne McDermott and the officers before booking the venue and making decisions with the menu and other details. Each member’s ticket will be partially subsidized by the PPA to lower the cost to $55 a person. A motion to accept the subsidization was approved. An email will be sent out to save the date, along with a sign at the end of Steamboat Ave. Valerie offered to deliver flyers advertising the event.

**Poplar Point History Walk**

Cindy reported that it has been decided to wait until next summer to hold another PP History Walk, instead of 10/22. One of the reasons was to enable snowbirds to participate, and also to ensure a higher number of attendees.

**Other Business**

1. **Poplar Point fire/water/drainage issues**

Steve reviewed his email from Adam White, who said they would be marking out areas of concern and that the contractor is actively scheduling our work.. This week, some of the roads have been marked with spray paint for some designations (Mill, DS/Dig Safe).

1. **Picnic table offer**

Steve reported he was approached about an offer of a donated picnic table to add to the one at our small beach. After some discussion it was decided that an offer of a donation was greatly appreciated and a nice gesture, but not needed at this time.

1. **Next year’s dues - $5 increase for playground taxes**

Steve discussed the fact that the playground’s taxes have gone up this year, $310.94. There has not been an increase in the PPA dues in 10 years. It was decided to raise the annual dues from $35 to $40. A motion to accept the $5 raise in dues was approved. Dues will be due by May 1 each year. Flyers will be delivered as in the past, but also an email by Steve. In addition, a sign will be posted to remind people to pay their dues.

1. **Any new business**

Summer Cocktail Parties: Cindy wanted to thank Pam Paterson for setting up and welcoming attendees at all three Cocktail Parties this summer. She made the setting attractive with pretty tablecloths, napkins and other useful items. Thank you Pam for being the cheerful hostess with “the mostess”.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 AM

**Next Meeting:** Saturday April 22, 2023. 10:00 AM, Location: Playground