



WINTER CELEBRATION AND COMMUNITY MEETING

FEB. 3, 2024

Meeting Organized By: Dwayne Stanton, President

Minutes Recorded By: Kari Muhammad, Secretary

Location: New Carrollton Library

MEETING ATTENDEES: Dwayne and Susan Stanton, Keith and Sallie Loughery, Kari Muhammad, Denise Godette, Darryl Fountain, Elizabeth and Milton Davis, Jonathan Diaz, Danny and Ann Basile, Michael Paschal, Lilia Nunez, Bob Baum, Jenny Garcia, Lloyd Elliott, Joan Loney, Audrey Johnson, Pamela Coffield, Arturo and Edith Fuentes

Dwayne Stanton, President:

- Dwayne opened the meeting noting that his slogan for the new year is "More in 2024". The organization has been operating for 2 years now and while we've accomplished much, even more can be done, especially if more residents get involved.

OPEN POSITIONS:

- MWCA has 2 vacant positions: vice president and secretary. Dwayne mentioned that Denise Godette and Kari Muhammad have volunteered to take on those posts, respectively. Dwayne called for a motion to nominate Denise as the vice president; Keith Loughery did. Darryl Fountain seconded the motion. Dwayne called for those in favor of the nomination to say aye. The majority in attendance did. There was no one who opposed the nomination. Denise accepted the position and Dwayne congratulated her. Dwayne called for a motion to nominate Kari as the secretary; Darryl did and Keith seconded it. Dwayne called for those in favor of the nomination to say aye. The majority in attendance did. There was no one who opposed the nomination. Kari accepted the position and Dwayne congratulated her.

PEPCO ASSISTANCE:

- Dwayne brought to our attention that if you have a tree that becomes entangled in the power lines, Pepco will trim and or cut it for free. He told us about a situation where, after calling, they came out that same day.

NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS:

- Dwayne reminded us that Prince George's County new law banning plastic bags went in effect on January 1st. Please put your reusable bags in your vehicles, to take in the stores when shopping. You can request a paper bag, but it will cost you 10 cents.

DENISE GODETTE, VICE PRESIDENT:

BLOCK CAPTAINS:

- Denise discussed that we need block captains for each section of each street in the sub-division. The duties of the role include: being the main point of contact for neighbors, distributing flyers about meetings/events, encouraging non-members to come to events/meetings and join the association. Anyone interested in becoming a block captain should contact her.

Dwayne

CHANGES:

- Dwayne informed us that Pizza Oven is under new management. After owning it for 50 years, the original owner sold it.
- The community has a new UPS driver, Delante. His picture was shown. The previous deliveryman, Eric, retired after 30 years of service.
- MWCA has a new website with a new look. It's the same url and Darryl Fountain is webmaster. The new information tabs were shown.

THANK YOU

- Dwayne passed out certificates of appreciation to members of the Fall Celebration and Get Together planning committee and the county officials who assisted.

COMPLAINTS

- Dwayne mentioned that our community has developed good relations with county officials, the police and the 311 office. They have been very responsive to the various complaints we've made. Dwayne asked that if we need to contact any of the officials regarding a problem, please let him know. Doing so will assist in tracking issue and making sure it gets resolved in a timely manner.

KARI MUHAMMAD, SECRETARY

2024 COMMUNITY EVENTS:

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE:

- Kari discussed how this will be the organization's first event of the year. It will be held in April. She's looking for people who are willing to be a part of the organizing committee. She's hoping that the more people who have a sale, the more customers there will be for everyone participating.

BACK TO SCHOOL SEND OFF:

- Kari noted there are a growing number of children in the community. We should support them and make them feel a part of the neighborhood. To help create this, let's organize a Back to School event and give out backpacks filled with school supplies. Kari mentioned that stores will contribute to such efforts if requests are made early. Anyone interested in heading up this event, please contact Dwayne or Kari. Cpl. Nunez said he could help with this event by having a movie night for the students.

FALL CELEBRATION:

- Last year's Fall Celebration was a success. Kari mentioned that this should be MWCA's biggest annual event. She asked for more people to get involved and for everyone to please talk with their neighbors who did not come out and encourage them to do so. Let's continue to hold this in either late September and/or early October to take advantage of the nice weather.

KEITH LOUGHERY, TREASURER

FINANCIAL REPORT AUG. 31, 2023 – JAN. 31, 2024

- In Aug, we had \$423 in the association's bank account.
- During the time period, we took in \$775:
 - \$270 donations towards the Fall Celebration
 - \$214 made from the Fall Celebration's Silent Auction
 - \$ 41 generated from the Fall Celebration's 50/50 Raffle
 - \$250 from paid dues

- During the past 6 months, \$612.32 in expenses were paid:
 - \$230 spent on food for the Fall Celebration
 - \$184.41 paid for the custom tablecloth
 - \$125 paid for library room rental for Feb. 3rd meeting
 - \$71.66 paid to Go Daddy for the website and email account
 - \$ 1.25 bank fee charged
- As of Jan 31st, our bank balance is \$585.68

CPL. JUAN B. NUNEZ, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

ONLINE REPORTS

- Cpl. Nunez informed us that the county wants to reduce the time officers spend doing paper instead of serving the community. To help that effort, they've created an online reporting system. He explained that if your situation is an active incident, 9-1-1 is required and should be contacted. If you call the Telephone Reporting Unit, they will be able to take the information as well. They will also assess if 9-1-1 should be contacted.

STOP SIGN VIOLATORS

- Several residents wanted to know what can be done to reduce the number of people going through stop signs; particularly those at the Martins Lane/Lois Lane intersection. It was pointed out that school buses even fail to stop. Cpl. Nunez will come by and sit in a marked car in the neighborhood. He said that should deter most drivers. As for buses, he wants anyone seeing bus drivers failing to stop to video tape them, or take pictures of the bus number and pass that info on to him. Those drivers may be fired if ticketed for failing to stop at stop signs.

PAUL PINSKY, FMR. MARYLAND STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 22, DIRECTOR, MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

THANKS FOR PAST SUPPORT

- Pinsky represented our district for 30 years, after being a teacher for 20. He appreciates our support for such a long time.

CURRENTLY FOCUSED ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

- Director Pinsky told us that he's focused on improving the state's level of renewable energy. He noted that Maryland is ranked in the middle among states regarding renewable energy sources. There was a discussion with several residents commenting or asking questions regarding solar panel programs. Pinsky said there are several available programs to help residents get solar panels.

ERIC OLSEN, P.G. COUNTY COUNCILMAN – DISTRICT 3

- Councilman Olsen wants us to know how proud he is of our association and the community.

PURPLE LINE UPDATE:

- The project is more than 50% complete.
- There were many complaints about the condition of Riverdale Road during the construction. Most of the road has been repaved. There continues to be issues near Finns Lane. Councilman Olsen will see what can be done to improve it.

COMPLAINTS:

- The councilman wants us to know that if you have complaints about the trash pick-up or other county issues, please make sure he's informed so his office can track the issue to ensure it gets resolved.
- Several members asked about large trucks in the neighborhood. Olsen is working on legislation to deal with large commercial trucks being parked on residential streets; that includes them being parked in driveways.
- He's also working to create more Walkable Urban Streets. Such streets are designed to slow down traffic. Currently PG county leads the region in pedestrian fatalities. Officials are considering getting rid of curved right turns and right turns on red. Both contribute to pedestrian deaths.

KARI**50/50 Raffle:**

- \$68 were collected during the meeting for a 50/50 raffle. Kari pulled a ticket out of the container and the winner was Lloyd Elliott. He got \$34. Congrats!!

New Block Captain Volunteers:

Jonathan Diaz on Lory Lane, Lloyd Elliott on Lois Lane between Martins Lane and Lory Lane and Pamela Coffield on Martins Lane have stepped up to be Block Captains. Thank you and welcome aboard!!!

A motion was made to conclude the meeting. It was carried. Those in attendance enjoyed conversing and eating the pizza and cake.