IDYLLBROOK

# neighborhood annual meeting

agenda

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| LOCATION: | **Concordia lutheran school, room 28** |
| Date: | 02/08/2025 |
| Attendees: | Idyllbrook Neighbors |
| Time: | 10:00am |

1. welcome and guest speakers

Keith Sutherland, HOA VP, will welcome guests **Jamie Messmore** and **Andre Allen**, Peoria District 4. Andre is seeking re-election. Election is April 1, 2025.

**Minutes:**

* **Meeting was called to order – and, in the interest of time and time-related commitments by the speakers, quickly moved to the guest speakers of the meeting**
* **Both speakers, running for city council (Peoria District 4) , provided their insights, including information about themselves, their history in the Peoria area (including Tdyllbrook sub-division) and why they should be considered for the position. Mr. Allen, the incumbent, addressed the attendees first. For more information on each of the candidates:**
  + **Andre Allen – visit** [**www.allen4peoria.com**](http://www.allen4peoria.com)
  + **Jamie Messmore - On Facebook, find out more about Jamie and her run for council here:** [**https://www.facebook.com/jamiemessmorepeoria/**](https://www.facebook.com/jamiemessmorepeoria/)

Enter your name to win a door prize at the end of the meeting.

Enjoy coffee and donuts.

1. Board members

* **Our host, Drew Monkmeyer, host of Concordia Lutheran School, was asked to say a few words. This is the second consecutive year the meeting is being held at Concordia.**
  + **Drew, our host, shared his story of what attracted him and his family to the sub-division, as they are new residents in the last year.**
* **Prior to the introduction of the current HOA board members, all were welcome to the meeting, including past board members, previous attendees, and first-time attendees.**
* **It was announced that board members Rick Hirschman (HOA web site) and Cheri Hirschmann (HOA secretary) have moved out of state. There was expressed appreciation by the board members and having served with them, but more importantly, Cheri and Rick continue to be involved, including helping to set this meeting.**

Nathan Wagner, President

Keith Sutherland, Vice President

Holly Sutherland, Treasurer

Cheri Hirschmann, Secretary

Rick Hirschmann, Website/Social Media Coordinator

Member-at-Large, Chris Horan **(unable to attend).**

Member-at-Large, Michelle Wagner

1. Financial report

Holly Sutherland (HOA Treasurer)

* **A copy of the financial report was provided to all who attended the meeting …and the floor was opened for questions.**
* **The amount of dues in the arrears was questioned. It was shared that the Idyllbrook HOA provides an annual notice to residents of hat their individual dues are due. It is then up to them to pay. The HOA does not levy a penalty against past due amounts, nor does it notify residents beyond that annual notice. It was stated the residents that feel value from the activities sponsored by the HOA would be enough for their willingness to pay annual dues (currently at $20.00)**
* **That late 2024 was the last send of a hardcopy HOA Newsletter, there was concern expressed around how residents would know what there amount due was (for annual dues) and when – since that was always posted as part of the address label. Some attendees indicated that they largely rely on hardcopy to find information, with digital presentation (e.g., HOA website, HOA Facebook Page, NextDoor, etc.) not always a first choice.** 
  + **The HOA Board firs let residents know the reasoning for discontinuing the hardcopy newsletter – which comes down to the cost of printing, combined with the cost of stamps**
  + **It was shared that, going forward, the HOA would send a postcard with key dates and the amount of dues due. The group was in favor of this approach**
  + **The HOA can also leverage the group text capability in place to help here, as well as other uses.**

1. Current events / Open issues
   1. Communications
      * + Continue with Text Club, Nextdoor, fb, Idyllbrook.net?
        + Discontinue newsletter? Postcard instead?  **Discussed above**
   2. Board Activities
      * + Idyllbrook entrance maintenance (Bacon & Carriage) – **Résidents are pleased with the new signage. It was brought up, however, two areas of concern :**
          - **Along Parkwood, in the ravine on the eastern side of the street, there seems to be discarded wood and refuse. The HOA Board has committed to take a look.**
          - **Entering Bacon Avenue from Route 150, there is a dip in the street. Construction type work/repair was done there late November into December. UPDATE : This has been looked at, and the general feeling that the provider is due to return to do final corrections after the weather warms up. The HOA board will continue to monitor the situation**
        + Easter Egg Hunt (possibly April 12) – **This is a popular event offered by the HOA**
        + Dumpster Days **– will apply when the enrollment opens. Also, will like move the first of the two dates up a month (April or May, versus June). This is a popular event provided by the HOA. Stay tuned for the dates to be published through multiple channels (e.g., Facebook page, NextDoor, HOA website, text, etc.)**
        + More – **the HOA will no longer provide communication or direct activities around the annual garage sale. Of course, residents are still welcome to exercise garage sale events as preferred – meaning that the HOA would not stand in the way of these. It was shared that at last year’s garage sale weekend, both the HOA President and Vice-President ‘scouted the event – talked with the residents that were running a garage sale. Participation is way down since pre-covid. The interest has waned.**
   3. New Board Members – call to vote - **As part of the need to recruit new HOA Board members, HOA Board Vice-President, Keith Sutherland provided a bit of a testimonial on the subject, highlighting:**
      * **The existing board all started at the same time – there were no carty over board members from the previous board)**
      * **the friendships generated since 2017-18 (when joining) well beyond the neighbors close by, after living in Idyllbrook since 1999**
      * **the Idyllbrook sub-division’s ‘pride of ownership’ exhibited over that period of time**
      * **the need for new-energy and faces on the HOA board**
2. New business
   1. Current Board members will be finished with their obligation effective June 1, 2025. **The plea for volunteers to serve on the board continued:**
      * **Though earlier discussing the number of things/activities the HOA Board oversees and does, the conversation shifted to what we lose as residents of not having a board, including:**
        + **No longer registered as an HOA with the city**
        + **No longer eligible to apply for grants sponsored by the City of Peoria (like was the case with the signage at the entrances)**
        + **The board serves as first point of contact for residents. No Idyllbrook representation when the need arises (e.g., when we had an Oxford House open in the sub-division, frequent questions from residents seeking advice, etc.)**
        + **Entrance area upkeep**
        + **The organization of annual events**
        + **Legally required insurance policy**
      * **As a result of the meeting, we were able to secure volunteers for the board, as part of that discussion, there were questions:**
        + **Do you have to be an officer – the answer to the question is ‘no’, as individuals can also serve as ‘At Large Board Member”. The existing board is composed of ‘At Large’ Board members.**
        + **What happened with last year’s call for ‘Block Captains’ – the answer was that it never took off, but definitely still a viable option to have them.**
        + **Would the existing board just ‘walk away’, so to speak, if nothing is done. Some existing board members have committed to be involved in helping new members acclimate to the board.**
        + **The board must have, at least, as officers, a President and a Treasurer.**
        + **Current board members do not spend more than a couple of hours a month on board responsibilities. It is the planning and execution of calendar activities that drives most of the direct involvement.**
        + **For those residents that offered their name and information to potentially be on the board, the existing board will be contacting them in the very near future to further that conversation. Residents will need to stay tuned for on update as this effort is progressed.**
   2. Other neighborhood activities/dates to be decided upon by new board members
      * + Movies in the Park
        + Neighborhood Picnic
        + **~~Garage Sales~~ (addressed above)**
3. Q & A – Doorprize - Adjornment

Thank you Drew and Concordia Lutheran for today’s meeting

Door prize drawing