



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2020**

**Attendees:** Steve Belisle, Diana Michel, Diane Carnahan, Bob Mizer, Karen Hauck, Dave Hauck, Barbara Beatty, Sherrie Brady, Theresa Kessler, Mindy McAllister, Aileen Winqvist, Amye Rheault, Bonnie Harmon, TJ McCurdy

**Call to Order/Board Updates and Issues:** meeting started at 7:35 pm.

**1. First Vice President (Diana):**

External affairs update:

- AARP Tax-Aide program provides free Federal and State tax return preparation, with no income limits and special attention to seniors. More info in February edition of Braddock Beacon.
- Glass recycling is a huge success – more than four million pounds has been collected in the purple bins. (Discussion about getting Boy Scouts involved for a community service project.) Glass-to Glass recycling is now happening, which uses less energy than making bottles from original material.
- Fairfax County is looking for creative ways to come up with affordable housing.
- All of these updates will be posted on NextDoor.

**2. Second Vice President (Diane):**

- Membership is down (so far) from last year. NextDoor is our competition, as people can get so much information there.
- There are new block captains for Sideburn and Marlborough.
- Diane would like to finish the directory before her term ends.

**3. Treasurer (Theresa):**

- Submitted the current list of assets, revenue, and expenses.
- Any 2020 dues collected in 2019 will be applied to the **2020** budget.
- The website went down because the hosting fee had not been paid. The fee is due every three years, but there were no notes in the files about it. Theresa was able to contact the former treasurer (Don) who still remembered the PIN, so was able to pay

the fee and get the website up again. Need a better way to transition so that this sort of thing doesn't get overlooked.

#### 4. **President (Steve):**

- Newsletter: March 2 is deadline for newsletter articles.
- Nominating committee: Amye Rheault, Mindy McAllister, and Bonnie Harmon.
  - Still need recommendations for President and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Encouraging Amye to be 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.
  - Discussion about whether a person needs prior involvement on Executive Board before being considered for President. Consensus was “no” as long as the person has experience running meetings.
- New committee proposals:

Will vote on making the **Events Committee** and **Past Presidents Committee** official at the spring General meeting. The chair of a standing committee has a vote, and new committees are added to the by-laws.

  - Unanimous vote to spin off “Events” from the Welcoming Committee. The Events Committee will be responsible for Ice Cream Social, etc. and the Welcoming Committee will be responsible for welcoming new neighbors.
  - Past Presidents Committee – past presidents have historical knowledge to share. They could attend Board meetings, and would be expected to contribute and also help with transitions.
- American Disposal – had given us the rate of \$27 up to last year. No longer inclined to give us a community rate, and our new rate is \$37/month for one pick-up/week.

#### 5. **Energizing Membership (Sherrie):**

- Sherrie has submitted County applications for Memorial Day social, Ice Cream social, and Halloween celebration.
- We are missing 3 signs for the Ice Cream Social, and we need to re-word the Memorial Day signs since we are no longer having a picnic.
- Halloween Celebration (TJ McCurdy):
  - To be held from 2-5 pm. Fee for use of the park has been submitted.
  - Allow one hour for set up and tear down. Park Authority said it is OK to leave some stuff out overnight.
  - No loud music is allowed.
  - Planning for three “scare” stations on the haunted trail, with one at the playground.
  - Other activities to include sack races, pumpkin carving contest, blind taste-testing of pies and jams.
  - TJ has reached out to a Robinson teacher who is excited about getting her students to help with makeup and other tasks. He could also get some volunteers from the Association for the Blind.

- Anyone is welcome to help! TJ has lots of supplies, and August-September would be a good time to build things.
- Will put something in the July newsletter to give members a heads-up.

## **Committee Updates:**

### **1. Neighborhood Watch/Safety (Bob M.):**

- Sideburn pedestrian safety issue – Bob has met with VDOT, FDOT, our Supervisor, and police. We definitely won't get traffic lights or speed bumps, but VDOT might be willing to install signs with strobe lights. Crossing guards are hard to get, and they are notoriously unreliable (the Police have to pay for crossing guards). Since this is a 35 mile/hour zone, pedestrians are expected to take care of their own safety when crossing the road.
- Gadsen parking issue – Emily is not getting good response from people farther down the street. To add to the problem, students are parking in the park spaces now, too (Henrico Street).

### **2. Schools (Aileen/Mindy):**

- Oak View
  - Closed for election on March 3.
  - STEAM night March 20.
  - PTA meeting in March. They asked us to formally sponsor one of their events. We voted to give them \$100 (as we do for Robinson) to use as they wish.
- Robinson Secondary – student play to be performed next weekend.

### **3. Scholarship (Bob C.): not present**

Committee has not met yet (March 15 deadline). There are 5 committee members this year.

### **4. Women's Club (Karen and Sherrie):**

There will be a "Restaurant Night" fund raiser at Brion's Grille on April 20 to support Adopt-A-Platoon. More details to follow.

## **Other items:**

1. Mindy has approached Jose Solarzano about using his wood chips to place around our signs, instead of dumping them in the park. Would also like for him to let us purchase flowers using his discount.
2. Diane voiced concern about the trashy look to the park, due to people dumping brush there. Sherrie will contact the Park again.
3. You can donate to Oak View Elementary using Amazon Smile.
4. Regarding the Grinnell sidewalk into the park – the developer never filed the paperwork for the easement with the County. Steve looked at the records and it appears that the house on the left owns the sidewalk. They may not realize this.

Next Board meeting will be **March 23, 2020, 7:30 pm**, location Theresa Kessler's residence.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Beatty  
CCVCA Secretary