

## **Meadow Crest Estates Board Meeting**

October 17, 2010 – 2:00 to 4:00

Location: Home of Pat Cruse

Minutes taken by Pat Cruse

### **Attendees:**

Pat Cruse - President, Board Member

Rex Gifford – Vice President, Board Member

Judi Lazerus - Crime Watch Coordinator, Board Member

Michael Blaylock – Board Member

Ed Walker – Board Member

### **Agenda:**

Marcy James' resignation and need to fill Secretary/Treasurer position – Pat Cruse

Crime Watch Update – Judi Lazerus

Website – Judi Lazerus

Vitality grant application – Pat Cruse

Discussion of transitioning of board in 2011 – Pat Cruse

Fun Stuff – Bake Sale/Fall Party

### **Marcy James Resignation**

Marcy had notified Pat Cruse that she needed to resign her position from the board and as Secretary/Treasurer. Her feeling was that she simply could not keep up with her position as Chaplain and work necessary to prepare minutes, etc for MENA.

A discussion ensued that with only a few months remaining in the 2010 year, we will continue as a 5 member board. Mike Blaylock will assume the responsibilities of Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

### **Crime Watch Update**

Judi Lazerus reported on the recent Crime Watch meeting held on October 12 at The Lone Star Legend. She had arranged for NPO Rumatz to speak to our homeowners about ways to keep our homes safe. Judi was disappointed by the number of homeowners who attended (about 20 or less).

We also talked about doing a campaign to get residents to turn on outside lights and/or install motion detector lights to make our neighborhood a little safer at night. We will look into partnering with Groom & Sons' Ace Hardware in Garland to exchange advertising on our website in return for a discount for residents of Meadow Crest for security lights, etc. Judi is going to provide Rex Gifford with the information about the store and he will speak with the manager about the possibility of partnering with them.

We discussed possibly adding security cameras around the neighborhood at some future time. This topic was tabled for the time being as the consensus is that funds we have available need to remain focused on repairing the wall and entrances.

### **Website**

The [www.meadowcreststates.org](http://www.meadowcreststates.org) website is up! And it's beautiful. We will promote it every chance we get to the neighborhood. We need to work to get companies to advertise so that the website is self-supporting.

Initially our website is 5-pages at a cost of approximately \$5.00 per month. Judi will prepare an invoice quarterly so that MENA can reimburse her for the cost. Pat will look into getting a debit card so that MENA can be billed directly.

### **Meadow Crest Entrances - Vitality Grant Money**

We are still waiting on the Vitality Grant Committee to let us know if our application is going to be accepted or not. Pat had emailed Felisa Connor and only received a note saying that our application had been received. So we wait . . .

### **Fall Party/Bake Sale**

We discussed holding a bake sale as per a suggestion from Ritika Sawhney who had wanted to have a bake sale as a way to raise additional funds for the neighborhood. Pat agreed to contact Ritika and ask if she would help organize the sale. In the meantime it was decided that the neighborhood would have a party and auction off donated baked goods. Mike Blaylock had suggested a silent auction would be fun and a good way to get people bidding up for cakes, etc. Mike volunteered his backyard for the party. We will use MENA funds to purchase hot dogs/hamburgers and the fixings and ask for donated baked goods to auction off. Hoping that the return on the bake sale will more than offset the cost of the party. Either way, it's a good way to bring neighbors together for a fun time.

### **Board Positions Up for Election**

We also discussed the three board positions that are up for election/re-election. Three assumes that we become a 5-member board rather than a 7-member board (either is allowable under our By-Laws. Judi Lazerus has decided not to stand for re-election, but will continue to act as web designer and maintain the website as well as continue as a block captain. Rex Gifford volunteered to take over some of the responsibilities (or share them) of maintaining the website to help Judi. We are still trying to convince her to continue as Crime Watch Coordinator – she has done more than anyone else to advance the crime watch in the neighborhood. Ed Walker and Pat Cruse have both served as board members from the inception of the association. Their positions are also up for election. Ed Walker said that he will do whatever is best for the neighborhood. He will stand for re-election or if someone else wants to join the board he will step aside. Pat is undecided at this point – leaning toward stepping aside.

We need to publish more about the selection process soon so that homeowners have an opportunity to consider joining the board prior to the January General Membership Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by all board members on 10/20/10.