

Cochran's Crossing Village Association

Monthly Board Meeting at The Woodlands Township Building

Minutes – October 18, 2022

Members Present: Tricia Danto, President; Terri Larson, Vice-president; Jaime DiNoia, Secretary; Lisa Doornik, Treasurer; Amanda Van Dusen; Shiva Basavanna; Pat Lowe; Andy Thorson; Liberty Christoff; and Trinh Trinh.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Tricia Danto, President. Eight members present constitute a quorum.

Law Enforcement Report: Deputy Kristen Olowinski was present. Her contact information is: Kirsten.olowinski@mctx.org, 281-364-4253. She reported total calls during September of 10,160; DWI: 22 to 27; 1 Narcotics; 1 Criminal Mischief; 7 Car Accidents; and 9 PM Routine House Checks. The department's Autism Awareness initiative continues with positive results. She also warned members to be aware that gift card scams are more prevalent. She noted that October is fire prevention month and that Emergency safety kits are being prepared.

Approval of the Minutes:

The September minutes were approved by a motion from Amanda with an amendment. Seconded by Terri. Approved.

The Woodlands Township Announcements and Report by Erin Redmon:

Erin introduced our new Township Program Specialist, Alexandra Colson. Alexandra will attend our meetings in the future. The October National Night Out Program was discussed.

Old Business:

Treasurer Report: Lisa Doornik, Treasurer, reported that the Budget is quiet. Deposits of \$800 from four fall festival booth sales were reported with more checks from vendors to come. Balances reported were: General Fund: \$23,392.11; Education Fund: \$6,206.06. We have sold (18) vendor booths for the 2022 Fall Festival. Tricia proposed producing 9 new directional and reusable signs for the festival area at \$26 each for a total of \$234. To finance the signs, Terri made a motion to increase our capital budget to \$300. Pat seconded. Approved.

Communications Report: Cochranscrossing.org is live. Secretary and Treasurer Gmail accounts are set up for streamlined communication for use in GoDaddy and PayPal accounts. Lisa set up a new PayPal account due to issues with old account access. Our Facebook audience reach has increased and we now also have an Instagram account.

Education Report:

Lisa and Pat reported that teacher grant request forms were ready and will be sent to the four elementary school principals by the end of the month. Their goal is to have applications submitted by December 16 (before holiday break). Shiva announced that he will personally

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match the \$1500 allotted for the education fund again this year. The suggestion of having a cash container at the festival for donations was dismissed.

Events Committee Report on the Fall Festival, October 23: Amanda's area maps of the festival events were shared with the board. The following items were discussed: Thursday, prior to the festival, volunteers are needed at Kroger to load up the (200) pumpkins; 60 Volunteers are expected from the local high schools to help at the event; 18 Vendors have registered (some only want promotional items put in our bags) and will total \$2,900 after PayPal fees and checks are in; the giveaway bags will be delivered on Thursday and the volunteer students will fill the bags at the morning of the festival; a volunteer is needed to provide a playlist on iPhone or iPad to feed into the Block Rockers.

Terri amended a motion for a \$550 budget increase. Liberty seconded. Approved.

Each board member was given (10) handouts to post in their neighborhood / post office boxes.

New Business:

Parks and Rec. Committee: Shiva received a 200-page book of Woodlands Park improvements at the Parks and Rec. meeting.

Lisa volunteered to attend the Woodlands Green Meeting on October 3 on behalf of the board.

3R Bazaar held November 13th is the last opportunity in 2022 for CCVA board members to earn money for the scholarship fund. Lisa and her son volunteered to attend this event.

The Holiday Light contest winners will be presented with yard signs. Residents will post houses on social media for nominations. We will then post a poll with photos/addresses in the comments for a community vote. We will discuss categories and the process at the next meeting.

We will begin promoting (4) open CCVA board seats in November and December. We will invite residents who are interested in joining the board to attend the January 2023 meeting.

All Woodlands Village board members are invited to a welcome reception at the Black Walnut Restaurant, January 25, 2023, from 4:30 pm-6 pm.

In an effort to provide events for our village adults, a wine tasting is in the planning stages for 2023 in the community room at the Sterling Ridge Kroger. Perry's Restaurant has offered to provide hors d'oeuvres. Pat has agreed to chair the committee. Plans for a Casino or Bingo night at a local temple, church or country club are also under discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Amanda and seconded by Jaime.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.