

Maplewood Citizens Association

General Membership Meeting

Final Minutes approved 5/17/17

Date: March 15, 2017 7:30 pm

Attendees: Allen Myers, president; Mary Jo Deering, vice-president, Jo Batky, secretary and at least 26 others.

Neighborhood Watch Update: Allison Peppleman informed us that the potential training for volunteers should be scheduled later this Spring. Please contact Allison at aeppeleman@gmail.com to get involved and help promote safety in our neighborhood.

Vital Living Network-Donna Mason & Kathleen Stobie: The presenters brought numerous pamphlets and written information about services available to seniors (over 50 years) in the county. The Network produces a written and online source of information called the Vital Living Networker. This is in collaboration with Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Aging and Disability Services: 240-777-3000. The book is available at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/resources/files/vital-living-networker_2015.pdf.

They talked about the importance of an active lifestyle for senior adults. Discussion included opportunities for fitness, employment, education and volunteering. Montgomery County has five senior centers and neighborhood centers and many other opportunities for programs. Many activities were explained and encouraged. The purpose of the RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) center is to assist seniors with finding appropriate rewarding volunteer opportunities. They also described numerous options for lifelong learning. Please see the Vital Living Networker for complete information.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report: The draft minutes from 11/16/16 were distributed to members and approved per motion of Barbara Harrison.

Treasurer's Report: The report covering 11/17/16-3/15/17 was approved per motion of Dan Pierce.

Spring Social Event: A budget of \$3000 was approved per motion of Barbara Harrison. The Spring Social event will take place on the afternoon of 4/30/17 at the Knights of Columbus.

Maplewood Dog Park: Skip Mahon of Wickett Terrace presented his proposal for the installation of a dog park at the Maplewood Park. He showed posters, diagrams, etc. and information about the pros and cons of a dog park. There was a long discussion, questions, answers and comments about the potential dog park. The attendants requested that Skip do more research on the subject and present additional information at the next general meeting. At that time, if the residents vote in favor of a dog park and the current users of the park, Maplewood Football and Rock Creek Dance Academy, agree to the dog park, then the proposal would be presented to the county for further consideration.

Maplewood Village Report: The village has been focused on social activities for three years. At this point in order to address aging in place, Narda Erlich has developed a survey to examine our residents' interest for future services. The survey is expected to be included in the next Mapleleaf and also be available at the Spring Social.

The next meeting, May 17, is the annual meeting. Executive committee elections will take place. Allen encouraged members to get involved and consider running for an executive committee position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes by Jo Batky, secretary