

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting – January 10, 2023

President Joe Kirby called the in-person meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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| (1) Joe Kirby | (6) Jack Sloan |
| (2) Larry Van Horn | (7) Ernie Schmidhauser |
| (3) Tina Sevik | (8) Dave Powers |
| (4) Mary Molinaro | (9) Brad Sharpless |
| (5) Betsy Sloan | (10) Steve Frederick |

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made to approve the November 2022 Board meeting Minutes by Ernie, second by Mary, and all approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - - Joe Kirby

- The meeting started off with Mary asking what are your projects?
- Larry suggested building relationships with the community and getting funding to do so.
- The easiest grant to get is from LifeBridge. They give away one (1) grant per year. Last year they begged people to use them. The first grant must be used before requesting more. LifeBridge will donate \$3,000.00 per year for environmental programs.
- Mary will check with RIA regarding how best to find grants for non-profits but recommended that we make some decisions about projects we want to take on and then look for grants to help fund them.
- The Fundraising Budget Committee: Tina agreed to chair the committee and Larry and Mary agreed to help on the committee.
- Proposed ideas:
 - Elementary school cleaning (Ernie)
 - Ernie suggested 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes based on the amount of debris collected. “We could add this to the community cleaning program and report the weight per bag along with the participants and prizes to the chatter.
 - Spring Bling (Diane)
 - Brainstorming the idea
 - Walk-a-lot pick up trash recycling.
 - Talk with the Dopkins.
 - Environment Projects like planting trees; infrastructure issues

Vice President - - Larry Van Horn

- Nothing to discuss

Treasurer - - Tina Sevik

Financial is quiet Tina added the dues, ROG explanation. PCRC dues is \$10 Ernie will send out an email to request the check.

- There is \$200 available for sign maintenance, must be spent by 6/30/2023. Most signs need to be replaced/updated. Jack will compile an inventory and share the list to the next meeting.

Secretary - - Diane Allen

- Diane will plan to develop Spring Bling event so a budget can be formulated.

Immediate Past President - - Mary Molinaro

- Things You Love will close January 15th and the tenants upstairs have found other buildings on Main Street.
- Maggie said she will be renting the 1st and 2nd floors to a young couple he runs web design company and wife does occupational counseling for parents of children mostly; so, it won't be vacant but we will miss one of our remaining "Antique Stores" Maggie also said this morning if we hold events her front lawn will be available for "pop ups" – all part of the lease with the new tenants.
 - Tenants moving
 - Bella Chic Buys moved to 202 Main Street on the 2nd floor – Rebecca Bossalina
 - Spik-a-rizum is moving to 215 Main Street on the 1st floor (Emerald Building) – Tracie Spriggs
- This morning the Business Roundtable was held with the guest speaker being from Neighborhood Design Center. After an introduction, the attendees were broken into focus groups and asked questions about their town the vision they see, their good and bad comments were taken for NDC to use in their study. The afternoon was spent in a similar setting with Franklin High School students for the youth perspective. They will arrange future focus groups as well. The timeline for a final report from them is the end of May 2023.
- Planning meetings are underway for 2023 events. Committees are meeting for Bloomin' ArtFest (May 13th), Beer and Wine Festival (June 3rd), Farmers Markets (Sundays June through October) and MOMS (Fridays from June 24th to August 25th).
- The Welcome Center is always looking for volunteers interested in meeting and greeting visitors. If you have the time, please email Crystal.mainstreetmanager@reisterstown.com and she'll be happy to talk about days and hours that she needs help.

Real Estate - - Mary Muth (Not in Attendance)

- Report was sent in. Six (6) houses closed. There is still activity in Chartley, houses prices have declined.
- A suggestion was made to re-instate a Hospitality committee to welcome new homeowners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Block Captains - - Brad Sharpless (Not in Attendance)**

- Mary was able to find a new block captain.

Membership - - Betsy Sloan

150 new members for 2022/2023. A question came up about how many rental homes in Chartley. It is estimated to be about 20. We have the records to confirm.

Newsletter - - Jack Sloan

- eChatter was delivered to Hannah More 1/9/2023
- There is a new contact named Kacey Shay. Jack pointed out that the last issue only used one (1) staple and he will try to get them to go back to 2 on the side. She emailed that she will start the eChatter today.
- Tina will cut their check tonight and Jack will deliver the payment.
- The timeline due for the chatter is now early in the month. eChatter due date will be the same, 2nd Tuesday of each, at the Board meeting.
- Two (2) advertisers are behind in payment. Seven (7) advertisers have paid in advance for the full year. We are \$400 ahead. The ads are great, only ¼ of a page has not been paid.
- Advertising invoices are out awaiting payment.

Police Issues & Police Community Relations - - Dave Powers (Not in Attendance)

- Crime in Chartley-5 crimes were reported by Chartley residents from our last Board Meeting in November to December 31st as follows: 2 home burglaries (11/29 200 blk Highmeadow Rd, 12/3 100 blk Brunk Rd); 2 non-domestic assaults (11/21 200 blk Walgrove, 11/27 400 blk Sacred Heart Ln); 1 theft (11/25 400 blk Highmeadow Rd). All of these crimes appear to be random without any identifying patterns
- These 5 crime reports brings our known total crimes reported within the community during 2022 to 22. If accurate, this is a historic low for us. The unknown factors that may alter this number is the inability to acquire accurate and complete information from the various crime reporting websites (including the police blotter website), and, in my opinion, the reluctance of Chartley crime victims to report a crime to the police. The request that I sent the police to allow the Crime Mapping Website access to the police computer system in order to provide crime related information down to the street level was forwarded up the chain of command, but seems to have been laid aside (i.e. not acted upon). Will try again since we now have a new Chief of Police.
- Officer Kauffman sent us a request to alert our residents about package theft incidents around the area, which I forwarded to Joe for publication...and Joe did send out a mass email with that information.

- Burglaries (both home and commercial) and street robberies (including one in the 300 blk of Walgrove) occurred throughout the area since our November Board Meeting thru Dec. 31st...but none were reported in Chartley. I did see a number of Chartley residents reporting a suspicious vehicle or calling for a “check on location,” which indicates to me that our residents seem to be becoming more vigilant!
- COP Grant for FY 2024-Received in early November. Completed and returned on Nov 14th. Requested total of \$400 as follows: \$100 Admin (maximum allowed), \$250 (maximum allowed), and an additional \$50 to replace a flashlight that failed during a patrol. Grant usually issued in early July after the start of the new FY.
- PCRC Meeting Nov 15, 2022-Captain Jamerson sick with flu, Lt. Biter on vacation. Cpl. Clements conducted meeting. Delegate Ben Brooks guest speaker.
- Cpl. Clements reported:
 - Homicide at laundromat (last week-suspect arrested-considered as an isolated incident
 - Catalytic converter theft increasing in this area and county wide. Only takes thieves 1 to 2 minutes to remove the converters. Now seeing cases where thieves are stealing them from cars parked in residential driveways
 - Theft from landscaping trucks parked on residential streets still a problem.
 - Theft from unlocked vehicles increasing
 - 1 smash and grab incident reported where vehicle window was broken; purse left in vehicle stolen.
 - Appliance store on Main St broken into.
 - Warned about people warming up leaving vehicles unattended while the vehicle was warming up. With onset of cold weather, this is always a problem...gives criminals an opportunity to steal the vehicle. Car thefts always increase during winter because of this. DON'T! Can also result in a fine as leaving a vehicle unattended while the motor is running is against the law.
 - Police have requested speed cameras for this area. Streets have already been selected (did not specify streets selected).
 - Shop with a cop scheduled for Dec 17th at the Cockeysville Wal Mart. Eleven kids selected for event; each kid will be able to spend \$100 during this event. Optimist Club donated \$1K . Franklin PCRC donated \$100 for this event (only PCRC that donated???)
 - Senator Ben Brooks (Guest Speaker)-Juvenile Justice Reform/Child Interrogation Protection Acts (bill passed on June 1, 2022)
 - Intent to limit Juvenile detention in non-violent offense cases.
 - Provide other services as needed instead of detention.
 - Note: Attending police officers had more questions than attendees as to how this bill affects their handling of juveniles will be affected. Senator Brooks agreed to develop and provide a training program for the rank and file (presentations had already been provided to police management, but had not been disseminated to the lower echelons as of the PCRC meeting).
- Spring Yard Sale-Usually scheduled for May or June. If June, must plan around the Police Officer Appreciation Day event, which is now tentatively scheduled for June 10th. Also, must schedule around any holidays (Fed, State, or religious). Jewish Holiday (Shavot) is on May 26th (a Friday into Saturday); Memorial Day is Monday, May 29th)...always a bad weekend to schedule community events. Consider Saturday June 3rd for our Spring Yard Sale) with June 10th as the second (or rain date) for this event. The only scheduled activity that I know of, that conflicts with June 3rd is the Main Street Clean Up event. Officer Appreciation Day is

tentatively scheduled for June 10th also, but only Ernie and I attend this event. I should still be able to visit participating Yard Sale residents on both June 3rd as well as the 10th.

- Fall Yard Sale-dismal failure last Fall even though a number of residents who participated in the Spring Yard Sale asked for the fall event. Do we want a Fall Yard Sale? Very little work for the Association, but does offer the community another event and helps promote CAN visibility.
- If we decide to have the Fall Yard Sale, August seems to be the only month that might work...no known other activities or Holidays on Saturdays. Sept is always a bad month due to the Reisterstown Festival and 2 major Jewish Holidays (Rosh HaShana 9/25 thru 9/17; Sukkot (9/29 thru 10/6). October may work if we can get 2 Saturdays that we can schedule around the Crab Feast.

Smoke Detector - -

- Mike will bring in the inventory, Mary will give it to Joe so they can be given away for free and have the homeowners self install.
- Joe will check the expiration date.
- An announcement will be made in the eChatter.

Zoning/Traffic - - Joe Kirby

- J. Jones complained about rabbits on Chartley Drive. Tina complained to the police, code enforcement and animal control have been notified.

Scholarship - - Chris Yambor

- Nothing to report.

Webmaster - - Kaycee

Ernie Schmidhauser

- Yard sale this fall will be September 30th, Country Club wants to join in the event.
- The first Stream Clen is April 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
- National Night Out (NNO) will be August 1, 2023. The kick off meeting will be held on January 26th at 202 Mainstreet, at 7:00 PM.
 - Volunteers needed and new ideas
- Crab Feast will be the 2nd weekend in October
 - New ideas call Ernie, Joe, or Dave.
- April 22nd will be the Papper Shredding event in Chartley shopping center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Written by Diane Allen, Secretary