

Hiltonia Association General Meeting

May 10, 2017

7:00 PM

Minutes

Home of Crystal Miles and Dwayne Walker

Meeting was called to order by Lily Knezevich

- 1) Minutes from the March 21 meeting were approved by voice vote.
- 2) Communications updates: Kathi Eckert is working on an email list separate from the Google Groups list. The new list is exclusively for dissemination of news. The Hilltone will also be provided electronically. Paper copies will still be available for those who prefer.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Lily presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Jim Ambrosio, who was absent. The report was accepted. Lily also noted that, as of the meeting, there were 68 Association members.
- 4) Committee Reports (oral reports)
 - A. Civic:** Maria Spillman reported that she sent out the most recent CPAC minutes. She also said that drug dealing activity throughout the neighborhood continues to be a problem. The Trenton Police Department is working on the wording of a letter to people whose license plate numbers are reported by residents who observe illegal activity
 - B. Publicity:** Linda Reid reported that there were no problems getting The *Hilltone* delivered.
 - C. Membership:** Vacant
 - D. Social:** Children's: Kathleen Coughlin noted that 25 children attended the Easter egg hunt in April.
Adult: Trevor Kacedon was absent. Brad Vile reported on his behalf. Thirty-five people from Hiltonia turned out for the Cadwalader Park Clean Up on April 22.
 - E. Hospitality:** Georgia Waller (absent)
 - F. Worthy Projects:** Maria Spillman brought up a few different groups that the Association might want to donate to. After a discussion, it was agreed to donate \$200 to the Capital Philharmonic and

\$300 to Urban Promise. Urban Promise sponsors free after-school programs and a summer camp for Trenton children. It was decided that the Urban Promise donation would be a matching one. Residents are being asked to contribute to this program and Hiltonia will match donations, up to a total of \$300.

G. Communications: Kathi is working on an updated version of the website, which will include an updated list of recommended contractors. Additional suggestions for the website are welcome.

5) Unfinished Business

Hiltonia House Tour: Brad reported on behalf of Trevor that Trevor is discussing ideas with the Mill Hill and Cadwalader Heights associations. The house tour is planned for October.

6) New Business

Anti-litter Campaign – Litter, including contractor debris, continues to be a problem. One resident suggested an Adopt-a-Street campaign. Linda suggested that ideas be solicited via a question on solutions that could be posted in the next *Hilltone*.

Neighborhood Watch Signs – Lily passed around photos of signage currently being displayed in Glen Afton. The signs read: “Glen Afton Protected by Video Surveillance.” The signs were posted at neighborhood “hot spots.” Fifteen signs with poles cost a total of \$1,500. Money for the signs would be raised through a combination of private donations and Association funds. Kathleen and Maria agreed to compile a list of hot spots in Hiltonia.

Corresponding Secretary --The Association is looking for a corresponding secretary. The main responsibility is maintaining a meeting attendance list.

Hiltonia Garden Clean Up – There is currently \$150 budgeted for a clean-up of the neighborhood garden on Hilvista Blvd. Lily received approval by voice vote to spend an additional \$200 for the clean up.

Next Hilltone – Noise issues, including dogs left outside and leaf blowers being used on Saturday evenings; yard waste and possible citations by the city; yard maintenance, including grass length; and the Urban Promise fund raiser will be covered.

WANTED: host for the Garden Party, date at host’s convenience; set up and clean up done by the Association Exec. Board

Next General Meeting: **Tuesday, September 12,** location TBD

Upcoming Hiltonia Events and related events:

May 15: CPAC Meeting, **6 pm,** Hermitage Police Station

June 5 and July 3: First Friday Flamingo party, TBD

August 2: National Night Out, 200 block of Kensington