

# Hiltonia Association

## General Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:00 PM

## Minutes

Home of Lily Knezevich

### 1) Approval of Minutes from May 10

Since most attendees had not had a chance to read the minutes from the May meeting, we postponed the approval of the minutes to the November meeting.

### 2) Communications updates:

Kathi discussed communications during the committee reports

### 3) Treasurer's Report:

Jim Ambrosio was unable to attend. Lily read his Treasurer's report.

### 4) Committee Reports (oral reports):

**A. Civic:** Maria Spillman reported on TCCA plans for banquet and also police reports on drug arrests.

**B. Publicity:** Linda Reid reported that now that she is retired she will be working with Kathi on a complete list of owners as well as residents for the neighborhood. Lists of residents will help in the membership drive.

**C. Membership:** Vacant

**D. Social:** Children's: Kathleen Coughlin reported on the success of the NNO—approximately 80 to 100 neighbors showed up. Kathi recruited for membership. Kathleen will host the children's Halloween party on October 28. Volunteers to help out at the Halloween party please contact her.

**E. Hospitality:** Georgia Waller No updates

**F. Worthy Projects:** Maria: Some discussion of the decision in the May meeting to match up to \$300.00 in contributions to Urban Promise. No donations were made.

**G. Communications:** Kathi Eckert reported that she has collected names of those who want to opt out of the paper copy of The Hilltone. She is also verifying information on all members and residents for the neighborhood lists. She is putting the next issue of The Hilltone together and asking for contributions of photographs from neighborhood events. Also, short interviews with new neighbors will also be included, so please let Kathi know of any new neighbors.

### 5) Unfinished Business

- Hiltonia House Tour will not occur this year. We will add to agenda in the new year.
- Corresponding Secretary: remains vacant

- Anti-litter Campaign continues: Trevor Kacedon volunteered to organize another anti-litter day or two prior to the end of the year.
- Neighborhood Watch signs: Awaiting response from the city, specifically Mr. Santoro or Merkle Cherry's office. Linda Reid will try to assist in getting a response.
- Hiltonia Garden Clean Up: Bill and Regina Merz did a great job getting the garden cleaned up and replanted. Thank you to Bill and Regina!

**6) New Business:**

- Nomination of Chair for the Nominating Committee: In accordance with Article III of the By Laws of the Hiltonia Association, Lily nominated Linda Reid as chair of the Nominating Committee and she accepted. Linda will appoint the remaining members of the Nominating Committee and the Committee will propose a slate of officers at the November meeting. The election takes place in January. All nominees must be members in good standing. She will form a committee and they will prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the November General Meeting.
- There was general discussion of the leaf and yard debris issue. We continue to have the problem of some neighbors (or their contractors) leaving yard waste and leaves in the gutters at times that the city will not pick them up. Ideas for communicating the rules include:
  - Flyers to be placed in the mailbox of houses where there are violations
  - Reminder of the ordinance placed in The Hilltone
  - Redouble the email effort
- Another issue that was brought up is the speeding on Cornwall Avenue. Sylvia Bingham of Cornwall is eager to find a solution. Also, this problem occurs on Cadwalader Drive. It was reported that the plan for placing the stop signs at the interior intersections was made in full awareness that it would have the effect of increasing traffic (and probably speeding) on the two avenues without the stop signs. This topic needs to be revisited with the agency that installed the stop signs. Lily will try to find out the history from Bill Merz and add to the next agenda.
- In order to increase membership, Linda proposed the following offer: Neighbors who have not paid 2017 dues will have the option of joining for the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018 for a rate of \$20 for an individual, or \$35 for a family. (In other words, just \$5 more than the yearly fee will pay for the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018. *This proposal passed.*

**Upcoming Hiltonia Events and related events:**

September 14: TCCA General Meeting, 7 pm, Thomas Edison College, 111 West State Street  
 September 28: CPAC Meeting, [6 pm](#), Hermitage Police Station  
 October 6: First Friday Flamingo Social, TBD  
 Children's Halloween Party: Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Coughlin's.

**Next Meeting:  
 Wednesday, November 15, 7 pm (at 40 Glenwood Ave.)**

**-- Submitted by Lily Knezevich**