

**Heart of Arlington Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**DATE:** 4/9/2015

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m.

**ATTENDING:** President Dick Thomas, Vice-President Barbara Salser, Secretary Lea Worcester, Treasurer Grace Darling, Neighborhood Representatives – Gene Prater, Rebecca Boxall, Phil McConnell, Pastor Hildebrandt. Absent: Joe Schaefer, Dale Bergeron, Rich Bilanceri

**MINUTES:**

- **Treasurers Report:** Submitted by Treasurer Grace Darling. Reported balance was \$2,863.94. Accepted and referred for audit.
  
- **New Business:**
  - **February General Meeting Review:** Feedback from board members included the following:
    - having greeters in the hall to welcome attendees and direct them to the hospitality table
    - making certain that Dick Thomas has the visitors list before the meeting starts
    - keeping a list of current and past members at the check-in table to confirm status of attendees when required
  - **UTA Student Behavior:** The board heard a report from Dick Thomas, Grace Darling, Barbara Salser, and Phil McConnell about their meeting with Timothy Quinnan, Heather Snow, Kim Lemaux, and Devan Allen regarding disruptive behavior sometimes exhibited by students who reside in the HANA area. Questions posed by the board included: how to identify students, when to call authorities, and who to call. The board plans on drafting a document to share with members and residents on how to respond to situations where students exhibit disruptive and/or irresponsible behavior.
  - **Community Listening Project:** Pastor Hildebrandt presented the findings from the survey conducted by the Grace Lutheran Church. The findings were encouraging. Rebecca Boxall suggested several programs including one where groups and individuals “adopt a spot” to keep it clear of litter and a tool loan program to encourage business owners to improve their property.
  - **Renewable Energy:** Grace Darling proposed a resolution that HANA promote solar and other renewable energy. She wanted HANA to send a letter in support of renewable energy to North Central Texas Council of Governments for her and Dick Thomas to sign. Barbara Salser seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
  - **Hospitality Committee Report:** Rebecca Boxall reported that we need at least 30 minutes to set up the hospitality table and that attendees enjoyed the food. She does need someone else in the committee.
  - **Information Committee Report:** The Facebook Group is active and the committee is still looking at the Concrete 5 CMS system.
  - **Sign Toppers:** Dick Thomas reported that 75 sign toppers were needed for the HANA area and that, at \$75.00 each, the price would be \$5,625.00 total.

- **City of Arlington Report:**
  - Dick Thomas and Grace Darling commented on the Comprehensive Plan updated by the City Council on March 17, 2015, and discussed the implications of item 1.3 on page 60. They felt that the city may revamp the Matching Grant Program later in the year.
  - Dick Thomas, Barbara Salser, and Grace Darling mentioned that the plans for the new library are not complete and encouraged everyone to make suggestions.
- **General Announcements:** The League of Women's Voters will have a Candidates Forum on April 20, 2015, and the Mayor's Forum will be meeting on April 30, 2015.
- **May General Meeting:**
  - The next general meeting will be May 11, 2015. Speakers will include UTA Police Asst. Chief Jay Tiillerson. Barbara Salser said that she'd contact Clayton and get suggestions for speakers who could address the city hall/downtown library complex, the Hugh Smith Recreation Center/East Arlington Branch Library, and/or Eunice Senior Recreation Center-Eunice.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Lea Worcester, Secretary