

Amberglen Good Works Steering Committee Minutes August 28, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting at Round Table Pizza was called to order at 6:23 PM by Chairman Ron Rowe.

All Steering Committee members were in attendance: Ron Rowe, Deb Rowe, Karen Williams, Sheila Knipper, Chuck Polacek, Don Covert, and John Grant.

Homeowners in attendance were Sue Nelson, Cindi Kludt, and Ron Edmiston.

July Minutes:

Approved. The secretary was advised to send preliminary minutes to the Steering Committee for comments before publishing them.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen reported that we have a current balance of \$795.50 after an expenditure of \$25.00 that was spent by Sheila on flowers and a card for Sandra Perro.

Karen and Ron will get together in the coming month to hand off the cash balance and records.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

John reported that the Food Bank Committee (including Karen, Sue, and Don) met to discuss plans to begin quarterly collection of food donations from the neighborhood. Collections are to begin in September and occur every three months on the 3rd Saturday of the month. A sample collection bag was presented. The proposal was approved.

Old Business:

Adopt-a-Road Update

Chuck Polacek reported that the next Adopt-a-Road work day, October 21, has been confirmed by Clark County.

New Business:

Store coupons

John proposed that space be allocated in the AGW Free Library for store coupons that people could donate so that others could make use of them. The proposal was approved.

Comments on AGW Intrusion On HOA Matters

Ron Edmiston explained his recent posting on TownSq, in which he objected to AGW's intrusion on matters that he believed were strictly in the purview of the HOA. Steering Committee members Ron and John disagreed, asserting that AGW has no influence over the HOA board and can only make suggestions, not decisions, and also asserting the right to research issues on behalf of the community before bringing them before the HOA. Committee members also expressed objection to having the issue brought forward in the public forum of TownSq before having an opportunity to discuss it with Mr. Edmiston. Mr. Edmiston was unpersuaded about the rights of AGW and left the meeting. After his departure, the Steering Committee agreed on the following:

- 1.) A mission statement about the role of AGW in the community should be developed and publicized to avoid misunderstandings about what AGW does.

- 2.) An article should be published in Amberglen Connections explaining AGW's mission.
- 3.) Every effort should be made to involve all Steering Committee members in all matters, including passing on all communications for comment.
- 4.) Chuck volunteered to talk to Mr. Edmiston in order to assuage any ill feelings.

Karen suggested that the proposal of having the HOA create an ARC composed of members other than the HOA was a non-starter, given the hurdles required to do so. The Steering Committee agreed. She also mentioned an email from HOA board chairman Nick Rexing, suggesting that moving the Amberglen sign would be too expensive. The Steering Committee agreed that without HOA board support, the effort would be useless.

Yard of the Season

Deb will hold a meeting of the YOTS judges soon.

Upcoming Events:

Community Halloween Scavenger Hunt and Party

Karen reported that the committee (Sue, Ingrid, Deb, Don, and John) met and proposed the following:

- 1.) The event will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 3pm.
- 2.) A trick-or-treat activity will take residents to various houses (Karen, Deb, Ingrid, John/Don, and maybe Nina and maybe Chuck/Charleen) in the neighborhood for a scavenger hunt before culminating in a group activity on the cul-de-sac.
- 3.) At each trick-or-treat location, trick-or-treaters will be given a scavenger hunt clue, as well as questions to answer (related to Amberglen and AGW) in order to win raffle tickets, and also instructions to the next trick-or-treat location.
- 4.) At the end, trick-or-treaters will join together in a party at the cul-de-sac, including: cookies from Don and Sheila; cupcakes from Karen; mulled wine and mulled cider from John/Don; raffle drawing; 3 costume contests (one each for adults, kids, and pets), with judges Sue, Ingrid, and Deb.
- 5.) The goal of the scavenger hunt will be to find canned foods around the neighborhood for donation to CCFB. Deb and John will plant the canned foods and come up with the clues for finding them. Each canned food found will win the finder some raffle tickets.
- 6.) Everybody involved in the event will be encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes.
- 7.) A photo booth will be set up at Deb & Ron's.
- 8.) The committee will meet again on Sunday, September 10 at 4pm for progress reports and further discussions.

Christmas Present Drive

The Steering Committee agreed that a Christmas present drive would be tied to the annual Holiday Gathering. It was also agreed that the party would be held on Friday, December 8th at 6:30, if possible. Further discussions will be had at the next planning meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 PM