

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Of the Luxmanor Citizens Association
November 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Della Stolsworth, President.

As previously announced, most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the Listserv. Preliminary to that discussion, the following information was presented:

- Della, reporting for John Beamer, Safety Committee Chair, stated that John and other LCA members will be meeting to explore the possibility of engaging a private security force for our neighborhood. He also is exploring identifying vulnerable members of the community and how to best help them remain here – for example, through the Montgomery County “Aging in Place” program.
- Della stated that she had filed the paperwork necessary to obtain Student Service Learning credit for LCA-related activities.
- Marilyn, Membership Chair, reported that we had about 390 – 400 LCA members, which was about (the same number of members that we had this time last year.
- Judy, LCA Treasurer, reported that we are encountering our typical fall rush of membership checks. As long as we have \$15,000 or more in our checking account, we can deposit as many checks as we like without charge. We currently have \$20,000 in our checking (non-interest bearing) account. Once receipt of membership checks quiets down, which should be in the next month or two, she will transfer what is not needed for routine checking purposes to our money-market (interest bearing) account.
- Harris Leonard pointed out the article from the Washington Post’s November 2 edition, reflecting upon the failure of Maryland’s Smart Growth Strategy. It was pointed out that the current discussions on smart growth have not included the results of this study and that implications and information from this study should be considered in terms of local smart growth initiatives.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the LCA Listserv, led by Todd Berman, Website Chair, who expressed the view that the listserv should be seen and administered equivalent to the activity of neighbors “talking across the bushes.” Based on Todd’s and other Executive Committee members’ previously-submitted thoughts, the Executive Committee decided that:

- To subscribe to the listserv, a prospective member must provide his/her name, phone number and street address.

- We will be digesting school notices and forwarding them on in the aggregate on a weekly (Friday) basis.
- Requiring listserv posters to include their name and street name in their emails.

Other matters discussed but dismissed at this point were:

- Requiring posters to include community name in their emails.
- Charging Non-Luxmanor community residents members a nominal fee (e.g., \$10.00 a year) to be able to post and receive list serve messages. We decided that no fees would be charged due to the administrative burden, but we would continue our policy that the listserv membership is available to Luxmanor community residents and those in adjacent communities (example, Old Farm, Tilden Woods, etc.), except for certain special exceptions (police, former community residents, etc., at the discretion of the moderator(s))

Matters discussed but deferred were:

- Compiling a “Service Recommendations list,” putting it on the LCA website, and having it password-protected such that it would be available to LCA members only;
- Limiting the number of times that a notice of a commercial nature (e.g., condo for rent or holiday boutique being held) can be posted or the types of events - rough guidelines were established as “a few times a year”, but an exact number was not defined.

For now,

- Lynn will be looking at the current listserv membership list, and comparing it to the 2009 Directory or other LCA membership records to see where listserv memberships are coming from, how many we actually have by culling duplicates/dead emails, as well as noting how many are from outside the LCA boundaries.
- Todd will be posting on the web site and in the Greensheet the current listserv policy.

Moreover, Todd noted that inasmuch as we now have four moderators of the LCA listserv, we should be able to be quite vigilant in monitoring current and future policy and procedures.

The meeting concluded at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. Gold
Acting Recording Secretary