

Ravenworth Farm Civic Association General Membership Meeting
Final Minutes
March 23, 2010 – 7:30pm

Introduction

The March general membership meeting of the association was held at Ravenworth Elementary School. Ellen Eggerton called the meeting to order. The January 28, 2010 general membership minutes were approved.

Budget

Richmon Tun reviewed the annual operational budget. He reported the projected budget at 13K. To date, \$10,600 has been collected in revenue. An approximate \$1,500 shortfall in income is anticipated at this point. At the May general membership meeting, budget shortfalls will need to be addressed and resolved.

Neighborhood Watch

Tom Mathis provided an update on the neighborhood watch program (NW). Initial costs for belts, flashlights, and manual log books are low and will be presented to the Board for approval. In terms of training, the presentation provided by the Fairfax County Police Department to the general membership in 2009 was sufficient to meet minimum requirements for starting a NW program. The next level of training will be practical guidance provided by the NW committee.

T. Mathis reported that he and the NW committee have many bigger ideas for NW and communication as a whole. Among them is establishing a webpage for communications and coordination. The ability to electronically log incidents allows the neighborhood to determine where problems are occurring and provide this necessary information to the police department. A calendar for logistics and scheduling purposes is also needed, not just for NW, but for all neighborhood activities.

New Activities

E. Eggerton discussed the idea of neighborhood picnics in an effort, after the success of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, to continue community togetherness. One idea was to have the civic association own a package of supplies (e.g., plastic dishes, crayons, chalk, other party supplies) that would be loaned to a member of the civic association who wanted to host a neighborhood picnic or party. Neighbors would have to RSVP to attend the party. The package of supplies would include a guide on how to host such a neighborhood event. *In the next issue of the Farmer, the civic association will put out a request for items (i.e., badminton set, other games, plastic plates, utensils) members may have that they would be willing to donate for neighborhood picnics.*

Neighborhood Picnic

The group discussed the annual neighborhood picnic at the church. Many felt this event should not be skipped again this year. It was agreed that the event would be held. The scope of the event depends who volunteers to be organizer. *The date, once selected, will be published in the May issue of the Farmer.*

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mary Lipsey informed the general membership that a reporter from the Springfield Connection attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration. An article on the event appeared in the newspaper. *She will ask Susan Deyampert to put a link to the article on the RFCA website. A copy of the article will also appear in the Farmer.* Also, M. Lipsey's history narrative from the celebration will also be posted on the website.

Clean-up Ravensworth

April 24th will be "spruce up the neighborhood day, starting with your own yard". This date will be home clean up day and will encourage all residents to clean up their yards and property on this day.

Other Items

The group discussed cleaning up the entranceways and improving the neighborhood announcement signs with reflective lettering.

M. Lipsey informed the group that the public library collects community items such as brochures, slide shows, pictures, new articles, etc. Residents are encouraged to give such items to the library.

April 24th is the 50th Anniversary Celebration at Lake Accotink Park. There will be free carousel rides and golf.

Tom Terry volunteered to head the nominating committee to determine candidates for the 2011 Civic Association Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.