

Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
October 20,2022
Minutes
Community of Christ Church and Zoom

Our first in-person General Membership Meeting since October 2019 was held at the Community of Christ Church and via Zoom on Thursday, October 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order by John Ritchie at 7:49 PM. The minutes from the March 22,2002, General Membership Meeting were approved. (Due to a lack of quorum, the May 2022 General Membership Meeting was cancelled.)

It was great to see all those who ventured out. Twenty brave souls attended in-person at the church and five attended via Zoom.

Business Meeting:

New volunteers for Sales and Web Design positions

The Association introduced Sue Hillmer and Roberto Bernate, who have volunteered to become the new Director of Advertising Sales (*The Farmer* and the Directory), and the Web designer/formatter for *The Farmer*, respectively.

Budget

Kristoffer Hull presented the annual budget for FY 2022-23 which was approved by the membership.

Board of Directors election (postponed from the May 2022 meeting due to a lack of quorum)

The Association held its annual Board of Directors election, There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate of nominees was approved for the new year:

- President – Marcie Winitt
- 1st Vice President – John Ritchie
- 2d Vice President – Richard Hildebrand
- Treasurer – Kristoffer Hull
- Corresponding Secretary – Diwakar Sharma
- Recording Secretary – Ginger Rogers

Congratulations to all on their re-election.

Topics Discussed:

The Farmer – Many in the community have questioned the need to have a printed copy of *The Farmer*. It is felt by some that the value of the printed version enhances a sense of community. Prior to COVID, a local school printed it (for one-third of the cost of using an on-line vendor), and the local Cub/Boy scout troops delivered it. Beginning this school year, the association was advised the school would no longer be available to print it and the Cub/Boy scouts no longer had the time or number of scouts to deliver it. Several options have been presented, although a final decision has not been made.

- Deal with it – pay the extra money for the printed version.
 - Delivery – FLAP, another Cub/Boy scout troop, ask for volunteers, provide service hours to middle/high school students.

- Go Virtual - By—Laws require notification to all residents of date, time and location of Board and General Membership Meetings, all currently listed in *The Farmer*. Additionally, advertiser contracts contain a clause that the ads will be seen by all households.
 - As an alternative, send a post card to all residents three times a year for General Membership Notifications and rewrite the ad contracts.

A few members stated that they were more likely to read a printed over an on-line version.

Volunteerism – The association would like more people involved in projects that would be beneficial to the community. A call went out for volunteers to host and plan a Fall Festival; those responding stated they would like to participate but not lead the activity. Future events will include the Holiday Lights Judging and, hopefully, the summer BBQ.

General Election – Steve Beste announced that there will be a table at the school to sign up for your annual membership and pick-up the new Ravensworth Farm 2023 Directory on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

FLAP – Jim Hickey announced several events coming up: November 6, 2022, Clean-Up at the Lake. Other events will include a November High School Trash Challenge, and in December you and your family and pets may have your picture taken with Santa! Dates TBD!

Holiday Lights Judging – Details to come! Categories: Best Overall, Best Religious, Best Window/Door, Kid's Choice.

Speed Bumps/Speed Tables – One resident concerned with high speed on Inverchapel was advised by James Walkinshaw's office that the resident would have to go through the Civic Association. The association put forth the resident's request through to Mr. Walkinshaw's office, not taking sides for or against. The process was then begun by Fairfax County DOT. The county will send letters to residents on Inverchapel Road seeking input and determine the location of the speed bumps/speed tables. The association is not responsible for making the decision.

Lake Accotink Dredging – Allan Robertson gave a short summary of the project. The project is moving to its next phase with groundbreaking to occur next year. Of the two sites being considered for waste disposal, Wakefield Park or Southern Drive/Highland Park, Wakefield Park is the most likely.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on March 23, 2023 – Please Attend!

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM