

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

January 2019

Holiday Decorations Removal Date

Acacia Board General Election/Annual Meeting

Resumes for Board of Director Candidates

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2018

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, February 12, 2019

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Assessments are \$225.

Dates to remember: January 31st Holiday decorations must be taken down.
February 1st Voting starts.
February 26th Annual meeting/Election.

February 26th at 8pm- Annual Meeting and Election. Please VOTE!

ALCC Updates/Reminders:

DECORATIONS– Christmas decorations **MUST** be removed by January 31st. Letters from ALCC will be sent to residents with decorations still up after this date.

February 1st Board of Directors election voting starts. You must come to clubhouse during regular business hours to vote. One vote per household.

There will be an Advisory Vote on the use of Groot Toters at the Annual Meeting. You will have the opportunity to vote on this when you vote for Board members.

We need volunteers to count the ballots and report the results of the election. Please call the Acacia office to volunteer 708-246-2400.

Absentee voting- see attached “Yearly Election Notice” for details.

The 2019 coupon books have been mailed to residents who write personal checks for assessments. If you pay by personal check and have not received your coupon book please call the office. Assessments are \$225 per month.

When parking in the Acacia lot for snowplowing, please park on the North end of the lot closest to Cascade Drive.

The US Postal Service has given us the Stamp Orders by Mail Forms, Vacation Hold Forms and Forward Order Packet Forms. Stop at the Acacia Office if you need any of these.

AT&T is currently installing all new cables throughout Acacia. They are responsible for clean-up and landscaping. “Julie” is marking the ground with colored flags. If you have any concerns please call the office.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting January 8, 2019

The Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, January 8, 2019 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by Pres. Eckert

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V .P. O'Connor, Treas. Polacek, Sec'y Brandush, Kwiatek, Rost, Mason and Voyles.

Sharon Kalinoski was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Polacek, Eckert) to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed (8/0/1).

Home Owners comments/questions: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, we see that the Assessment Collection was \$91,059 with other sources giving a total income of \$92,878. Expenses were \$41,825 leaving a net ordinary income of \$51,053. Our big expense items are all done. This is the start of building reserves to pay for next year's large expenses.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$17,796. Past Due Accounts show 23 members owing money. 4 members owe \$13,494 and 19 members owe \$4,302. Our current accounts receivable is 1.7% of the yearly assessment total. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The treasurer is starting to meet with some members to arrange for payment plans to catch up their accounts.

We had 6 members miss their assessment payment. This cost each of them \$10.00 extra. Currently 222 members use the **ACH**, automatic bank withdrawal and 165 do not. **ACH** insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. **ACH** also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 57.4% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment. If there are other charges, you receive a separate bill. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Some members do not want to pay late charges or interest. Avoid those charges with **ACH**. Overall we are in good financial condition.

Motion (Polacek, Kwiatek) to accept the Treasurer's Report as produced by staff. All in favor. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

Clubhouse Director's Report: Carol Mason had nothing to report.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: Jack Brandush had nothing to report.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Tim Rost reports-

Service Requests:

There were 4 grounds related service requests completed during the past month.

Dying tree:

During the last month it was determined by the arborist that a resident's tree was in severe decline. Two bids for removal were received and the owner of the property agreed to pay 50% of the removal fee with the other 50% being paid for by the Association. I made an electronic motion to accept the bid from Sinnott Tree company for \$750 to remove the tree and I received 8 yes votes to proceed with the removal. The removal has been scheduled.

Tree Trimming:

During the last month Mike and I accompanied an arborist from Family Tree Werks to in look at the trees in this year's trim cycle. We looked at trees on part of Elmwood, Hawthorne, and part of Cascade, Pembroke, Stratford, parts of Heatherwood, and parts of Buttonwood. The arborist identified two common area trees that were dead or in severe decline as well as 28 trees that were in need of trimming. I would like to make a motion to accept the bid from Family Tree Werks for \$3,995 for the removal of the two trees and the trimming of the 28 trees.

Motion (Rost, Polacek) to remove two trees and trim 28 trees work being done by Family Tree Werks for \$3,995. All in favor. Motion passed. (8/0/1).

Leave of Absence:

I will be out of town from 1/9/19 until 1/13/19. During that absence Jack will be filling in for me if there are any snow storms.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Peggy Rose reports that we had two service requests this past month, and both were completed.

Jose and I met to discuss the possibility of aluminum cladding the lumber on the top of the parapet wall of each townhome during its paint cycle in order to keep from replacing the lumber as often. Some options we discussed were purchasing the machine to bend the aluminum and have our crew perform the work; or hiring outside contractors to perform the work. Jose has contacted John Komperda from Komperda Construction and is waiting for his response. We also discussed new clamps that our crew might be able to use as their anchors, so as to not make holes in the aluminum. I will report back when I get some pricing.

