

Board Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Ted Hall, President at 6:30 PM followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Four of the five current board members, President Hall, VP/Secretary Pro-tem Fetterly, Treasurer McCarthy, and Director-at-large Crider were in attendance. Director-at-large Dewitt was absent due to illness. A quorum was met.

The Secretary showed the Proof of Notice of the Meeting which had been posted. He then read the minutes of the December 21, 2023 meeting. Motion to accept minutes as read made by Crider and seconded McCarthy. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts explaining the balances in CD's, checking accounts, and the Veteran's Fund totaling \$76,313.56. Motion to accept the report as presented made by Fetterly and seconded by Crider. Passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Hall explained the need to re-open the floor for additional nominations of board candidates. The resignation of a board member after the original nominating meeting had been closed resulted in six board openings and only five candidates. The second nominating meeting of January 18 resulted in two additional candidates. There are now seven candidates for six board openings for the election to be held at the February 5 Annual Members Meeting. He stated that he had met with two past HOA presidents and the four-term Treasurer to explore alternatives if additional candidates hadn't come forward. Reducing the board from seven to five members would have required a previous change in the By-Laws.

He reported that later in the meeting, he would be asking for board agreement to maintain the Veterans' Monument after its completion, a requirement for the park owner's approval of the project after the funds raised for maintenance run out.

Hall requested up-to-date lists of members of committees for approval at the February board meeting.

Secretary – Correspondence:

Fetterly read a letter from Bob Fudge. Subject: 2023 Fiscal Year Audit of the Veranda Springs – HOA Accounts. Copy attached.

Liaison Report:

Fran Mulhern reported no meeting had taken place this month but an anonymous letter in the box commented that speed bumps at stop signs might be a deterrent to speeding within the park. This will be discussed in the February liaison meeting.

Social Committee Report:

Fred Crider reported that the February calendar was full. There will be a Ladies Tea Garden Party on February 6. He mentioned that several long-standing hosts for various events have stepped down resulting in the need for more of our new members to come forward as hosts. He also thanked Dawn Siems for bringing the Mystery Party to the park on February 17.

Show Committee:

Ginny Storey reported it's been tough to find acts for the 2025 season. She is hopeful for new ideas from new members, Dawn Siems and Sharon Olivarez. There will be no dinners before the upcoming shows February 2 and March 2 due to difficulty in getting people to help.

Membership Committee: Cheryl Longwell reported 134 paid members so far this year.

Maintenance Committee:

Dave Storey reported that he had changed two lightbulbs at the back gate. Four park benches had been blown over in the recent wind storm. He had straightened two and someone else had straightened the other two.

President's Report Addenda:

There is a sign-up sheet for people to select sandwiches for the election night. Prior meals were \$7, but this year the cost will be \$5 to be collected at the door for a sandwich, chips, a beverage and cookie.

Unfinished Business:

Fred Crider reported that the price for the proposed new exercise equipment is \$3,100 and the total cost, including the room make-over would come to \$4,200 including one more mirror than had been approved in the December meeting motion. This would require an additional motion. He mentioned that the floor would be cleaned by the park maintenance crew prior to installing the new rubber floor covering. Fred suggested a hold on this project until the new board is in place. It was agreed to table this issue.

New Business:

Hall asked that a new filing cabinet be purchased for the HOA files. The Secretary reported to the membership that things he had recently put in the current cabinet were missing. He had been working at cleaning out files older than the required 7 years per the By-laws and 723 regulations. An Amazon search revealed a wide range of prices for cabinets from a few hundred to several thousand dollars depending upon fireproof requirements. A motion to purchase at a reasonable price was made by Hall, seconded by Crider. Passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Crider: The Vernada Springs HOA agrees to maintain the Veterans Monument once it is completed. Passed unanimously per the information provided during the President's report.

Additional Comments:

- a. No status report from the Veterans Committee.
- b. Comments from the floor by Pauline Ransdale about a letter she wanted read. Hall said the letter would not be read but that it would be paraphrased. He presented that version to Ransdale who agreed it captured the essence of her letter. She had been wrongly accused via gossip of being rude to someone at the pool. She doesn't want anyone to use her name in gossip without coming to her first and talking face-to-face. Hall stated that there is no need for this type of incident here at Veranda Springs.
- c. Comments from the floor by Linda Courtright and Shirley Perkins offering to help the Secretary purge old files to minimize the chance of losing historical information about prior agreements, rules, etc.

With no further comments, Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Fetterly, Secretary Pro-tem