

**Country Club Hills/Twin Lakes Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: January 27, 2014**                      **Location: 840 Yorkshire Dr.**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Attending: Roy Baldrige, Jen Gast, Becky Butterfield, Ben Lee, Dianne Carter, Matt Christoff, Ted Nusbaum, Kenneth Sturgill, Craig Kohli

**Election of New Trustees:** Roy Baldrige, Craig Kohli and Matt Christoff have been elected as Trustees to serve 3-year terms ending at the end of 2016 based on ballot vote.

**Election of 2014 Officers:** President: Roy Baldrige; Vice President: Craig Kohli; Treasurer: Jen Gast; Secretary: Becky Butterfield. Ted moved that the ballot be closed and the slate of officers be elected. Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Officers elected.

**Secretary's Report:** Dianne moved to accept the Minutes for the November 25, 2013 meeting. Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of the end of 2013 the checking account balance was \$3,663.39. Quarterly figures indicate more households participating in paying dues than ever.

--It saves \$5 to exempt the Parks from acts of terror.

--The first half real estate assessment to clean Lost Creek Ditch is \$5 and \$8.

--There is a bill renewal of \$200 for the Postal Permit. Last year we spent \$1,392 for Newsletters, \$925 for printing and \$467 for postage. We get a special rate for postage if we have a Postal Permit. It saves us half the cost. Roy directed Jen to pay the \$200 for the permit. There are a lot more contributions to the Neighborhood Association by sending the Newsletter. Further discussion on postage was tabled.

--Mowing was the most costly expense of the past year. The Newsletter was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

--Roy filed our 501(c)(3) non-profit 2013 Tax Return.

--Ben moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Matt 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report approved.

**2014 Budget:** Ted moved to adopt the Budget as proposed. Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2014 Budget approved.

**Website Renewal and Improvements:** Special thanks go out to Roy and Esther. They have been working on revising and adding to the website. Roy wants to include Bath Zoning and Construction forms as well.

--It's time to renew the Blue Host website. It automatically renews in March at a cost of \$215.76 for two years. It includes an e-mail network that about 250 neighborhood households are currently participating in, which is about half of the neighborhood. It allows notification of up-to-date neighborhood issues such as vandalism, etc., to be posted. Jen moved to pay the renewal. Craig 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**CCHTL Constitution and By-Laws:** Country Club Hills was established in 1972, Twin Lakes in 1976. They combined in 1990. No one has updated the by-laws in many years. Roy has patterned the proposed CCHTL Constitution and By-Laws after the LACNIP Constitution and By-Laws. It proposes that if you live in CCHTL, that you subscribe to the vision and pay Neighborhood Association dues to be a member. There can be affiliates from outside the neighborhood, including other organizations and businesses.

--There will be a March Newsletter. An actual vote regarding the proposed By-Laws Revisions will take place at the May Neighborhood Association Meeting by ballot. Roy will post the proposal on the

website. Ted moved to put a notice and a ballot to vote for or against the Revised By-Laws in the Newsletter, and to refer to the website to review it. Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

--Some of the features found in the proposal include: The annual ballot for the Election of Trustees will be posted in the newsletter. When there are neighborhood issues, they can be put on a ballot. We must have 9 Trustees, 3 staggering on a yearly basis. The Board elects the Officers. A quorum of 5 of the 9 Trustees is necessary to conduct business. To be a Trustee you must pay Neighborhood Association dues. Resigning Trustees will be replaced. Trustees not attending three meetings in a row may be replaced. Our Board has been following these practices.

-- There is plenty of notification to the neighborhood about dates and times of meetings. All neighbors are encouraged to attend.

**Christmas Decorations Contest Report:** Results of the contest will be posted in the March Newsletter. Thanks go out to the McKinney's for securing lots of donations. There is a concern about difficulty in locating addresses. Mr. McKinney suggests getting stakes to put in yards to identify them. The judges this year were from Celina. They worked very hard to be fair and unbiased. We thank them for their time and effort. Diane would like to send thank you notes to those businesses making donations.

--We will talk about new or re-doing the contest winners signs in the fall.

--Dianne and the McKinney's will propose rules for the contest which will include the following: Only dues-paying members will be considered to win monetary prizes. If not a dues-paying member, you may be considered for honorable mention.

**Valley Way Park Issues:** Craig will contact Mescher's Mowing regarding a quote for mowing to have on record.

--Bill Perrine said the Telephone Company will not cut down the dead Ash Tree because it is not close enough to the line. It can be topped. Craig's brother will not be doing it. Roy's daughter's boyfriend is a forester. He and Roy will do it when the couple is in town.

**Spring Clean-up:** Roy will chair. WHEN: Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. Meet at the Devonshire Gateway. The Gateways, Valley Way Park and Reservoir Rd. will be cleaned and spruced up. Neighbors are encouraged to help.

**Annual Garage Sale:** Jen will chair. Target date: June 5 ó 7.

**Neighborhood Concerns:** The house at 944 Kingswood went up for Public Auction on December 11, 2013. There is a large roll-off there now.

--There have been some robberies in the neighborhood. All are encouraged to report strangers and/or suspicious activities to the Sheriff's Department.

--Some complaints mentioned on the Survey of Neighborhood Needs with the Annual Membership Dues forms: vehicles speeding, running stop signs and passing busses. These violations can be brought to the attention of the authorities, but the Neighborhood Association has no enforcement authority regarding these matters. However, we are a voice and will try to make neighbors aware of what's happening in the neighborhood ó good or bad. Again, we encourage neighbors to let us know e-mail addresses and check out the website concerning neighborhood information and issues. The website is: [www.cchtl.org](http://www.cchtl.org).

-- Craig would like recommendations at the March meeting regarding the Outreach Project. The Membership Drive Committee will meet at Matt's house sometime before the Membership Drive Month, which is April.

**CCHTL Newsletter:** Deadline is February 22. The Annual Garage Sale Form will be included.

--There are currently only 6 viable Neighborhood Services listed. We encourage neighbors to participate and sign up. It is free of charge to list your services.

--Roy received inquiries from outside the neighborhood to list services. That will not be done. We also cannot accept paid advertising in the Newsletter. It would jeopardize our bulk mailing status.

**For the Good of the Order: NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. AT ROY'S HOUSE, 840 YORKSHIRE DR. Please encourage neighbors to attend.**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned by general consent at 8:40 p.m. Minutes prepared by Becky Butterfield.