

# **SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER**

## **HOA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – April 13, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by Nancey Abbott (Treasurer).

Twenty-three (23) homeowners were in attendance in addition to Secretary Diana Kaufman and Treasurer Nancey Abbott.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted with no changes or corrections.

Treasurer Nancey Abbott reviewed income and expenses from the 2017 fiscal year. She then gave a projected Budget for 2018.

### **Old Business**

Tree trimming and removal.

Wall repair at the entrances.

Landscaping done by volunteers.

Lighting replaced with LED's as a cost saving to be seen over the next years.

Not enough homeowners have paid their dues (58 to date) so Covenant changes have been placed on hold – need a minimum of 105 to approve any changes.

Remaining number of past due HOA dues from 2016 is 5.

Trees damaged or destroyed – not covered by insurance.

New storage room – fees went up, so storage room was moved and is closer.

### **New Business**

Signs at Grassy Branch entrance are damaged and are due to be replaced by the City.

The cattails around the pond are there to prevent soil erosion and deter wildlife from digging.

There is a petition to the City to open the gate at the back of Willow Creek to open the road.

There is a Plant Exchange scheduled for April 28 on Amberwood Court from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It's the City's responsibility to resurface the rest of Grassy Branch. Faye Lewis will contact the City.

Main form of communication from the HOA board to members will be the website, not Next Door.

Covenant violations not being addressed? Sheds – Attorney says not worth the money to pursue it.

Meeting with the State regarding HOA powers available to the new Board of Directors.

There is no longer an architectural committee – this should be addressed.

### **Elections**

President – Faye Lewis

Treasurer – Nancey Abbott

Secretary – Jointly held by Jean Rodgers and Kurt Haacker

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Diana Kaufman.

**HOA Dues** – just a reminder that dues are payable by April 15 each year. If you have still not paid the 2018 dues, please note that effective May 1, 2018, fines will be enforced (per the neighborhood covenants) until the dues are paid.

**Plant Exchange** – held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 on Amberwood Court. Thanks to the understanding homeowners of that street. The Wandering Peacock displayed various pieces of pottery. There were handouts from Urban Vines (included their summer concert schedule) and from Wood Medic. The \$25 Lowes gift card was won by Clark Atkins on Lucas Drive. Jacks Donuts provided coffee and yummy doughnuts.

**Garage Sale** – the HOA sponsored Garage Sale will be held May 11 and 12. Signage and advertising will be available

**Reminder**- just a friendly reminder that garbage cans need to be placed in an area that is not exposed from the street (i.e. in front of garage doors, curbs, front yard, etc.). Beside the garage and inside the garage are popular placement areas. During this time of the year when it is muddy, you may not be able to put your garbage cans away right now. But, please remember to place your garbage cans back to their storage area once the ground has dried out.

**Reminder** – campaign signs are allowed on your own property. However, they are not allowed on City of Westfield areas, such as the small boulevard in front of your house. A permit is needed from the City. Also, signs are not allowed on HOA property.

**Note** – if you are planning a vacation, arrangements can be made with the City of Westfield police to do a drive-by of your home during your absence. Just fill in the Vacation Watch Security Check request form, which can be found by going online.

**HOA Note** – Anything related to the HOA, such as meeting minutes, newsletters, etc., will be placed on the website [www.wchoa.org](http://www.wchoa.org). To keep the information for Willow Creek members only, just complete the registration, which is found under the “Sign In” tab at the top of the page. General information will also be placed on the “Next Door” site.