

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 14th – Movie in Blackhawk Park – 7:00 picnic, 8:15 movie – The Parent Trap

Monday, August 16th – Shortened pool hours begin (see information under Recreation in minutes)

Friday, August 27th – Versiti Blood Donation – 4:00 – 7:00 in the Great Room at the Clubhouse

Sunday, August 29th – Kona Ice – 1:00 - 2:30

Monday, September 6th – Last day for the pool

Reminder:

The crew will continue to trim and weed the grounds. They will trim all bushes but only weed common grounds. They WILL NOT weed private property – which is from the light pole to your house in front, and the area from the end of the privacy wall to your house in back – this is homeowner responsibility.

Acacia Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30-11:45, 12:15-3:30

ALCC forms and Service Request forms are available on the Acacia website.

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **September 14, 2021** at 7pm at the clubhouse.

**The Acacia Association Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2021**

The Board of Directors meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Eckert.

Directors in attendance were: Pres. Eckert, V.P. Kalinoski, Polacek, Boyd, Consolo, Kwiatek, McMillin and Voyles.

Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. Polacek, Kalinoski. 8/0/0 Motion passed.

Homeowners' comments/questions: A resident asked why we don't have garbage totes. It was explained by the board that there was a vote over a year ago and residents voted against totes. The feedback we received was that many residents did not have room in their garage for them and some residents were concerned with being able to handle the totes.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek: For August 2021, the Acacia Association Treasurer's Report shows:

Assessment Collection	\$89,595		
Other Sources	\$ 1,485	Total Collection	\$ 91,080
Total Expenses			\$129,285
Net Ordinary Income			\$ (38,205)
Capital Reserve Transfer			\$ 6,000
Capitol Reserve Expenditures			\$ 5,890
Net Income			\$(50,0850)

We are now spending some of our Operating Reserves to balance the expenditures. This is normal every year.

As of July 31, 2021, the Accounts Receivable stands at \$6,030.

12 of 387 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances. The previous month, 6 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied.

As of July 31, 2021, 238 members use the ACH, automatic bank withdrawal. ACH insures no late payment fee and no interest charge. ACH also saves the office time and money. Please consider this. 61% of Acacia Homeowners use it. Join the crowd! There really are no dangers. Acacia withdraws only the Assessment on the 20th of the month. If there are other charges, you receive a separate statement. When members do not pay on time, there is a cost of collection. Therefore, a \$25 fee is charged the first time you are late escalating to \$50 thereafter. Avoid those charges with ACH.

Overall, we are in good financial condition.

We have two funds –	Reserve Fund	\$296,939
	Operating Fund	<u>\$698,991</u>
	Total	\$985,930

I move that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Polacek, Boyd 8/0/0 Motion passed.

Other issues: Amy suggested that I form a committee to develop a late payment policy for the members in arrears to sign. We want this done for the September Board Meeting. Joe and Sharon have agreed to join the committee. If someone is interested, we can have another member. Please let me know.

We sent out 5 mailings to CPA/Auditors in July. We have had one response, today. I will review the response and then have a meeting with the respondent, and 2 Board members. Our recommendation will follow.

Clubhouse Director's Report: Peggy Rose Kwiatek: There was a total of 7 clubhouse rentals in July.

According to the new CDC's recommendation, masks will again be worn in the clubhouse at all times.

The Acacia Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, August 27 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the clubhouse. Versiti Blood Center of Illinois will be facilitating this event. Please come out and participate in the blood drive. I once heard on the radio that the one thing people can do to live longer is to give blood. To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-7TO-GIVE, or visit www.versiti.org. Sign up to save lives!

As clubhouse director, I would like to make a change to how party attendants are compensated in the event of a party cancellation. A party attendant must be in attendance at every party and may be scheduled weeks to months before the event. In that case, the party attendant must commit to that date on their schedule and may have to pass up other personal events that may come along. If the party is canceled (sometimes within a week's notice), all monies put down on the party are returned, except for the \$50.00 deposit fee to hold that date. I believe the \$50.00 deposit money should go to the party attendant who committed to work that party. The clubhouse was not used, so no expenses were incurred. I would like to make a motion to accept this change. The board decided to review the clubhouse rental contract and discuss this further.

I would like to put a full-length mirror in the four-season room bathroom. People who use that bathroom from the pool in wet bathing suits should really see themselves before going back out to the pool. There is only a tiny mirror above the sink. The board approved the request.

