

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

February 2020

Acacia Board General Election/Annual Meeting

Resumes for Board of Director Candidates

Email Sign-Up Form

Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Next Acacia Regular Board Meeting, March 10, 2020

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES: February 1st Voting begins.

February 22nd Valentine's Day decorations must be taken down.

February 25th Annual Meeting/Election.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION:

February 1st voting for Board Member begins. You can vote throughout the month of February up to and including February 25, the day of the meeting. Voting takes place at the clubhouse during regular business hours. One vote per household.

FEBRUARY 25th at 8pm is the Annual Meeting and Election. PLEASE VOTE!

We have a total of 4 open Board positions. **Three** - 3-year terms and **one** 2-year term to fill.

We **need volunteers** between 3:30pm-8pm to hand out ballots. We also need volunteers to count the ballots and report the results of the election. Please call the Acacia office to volunteer 708-246-2400.

ALL WINTER DECORATIONS should be removed by **March 1**.

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

Effective February 2020 the fees for late assessments will be as follows:

- **1st month late**
- \$25.00 fee
- **2nd and all consecutive months late**
- \$50.00 fee per month
- 1% interest on outstanding balance
- **After 60 days late the account is turned over to lawyers for collection – which adds legal fees, postage fees and applicable court costs**

Next Acacia Board Meeting is Tuesday, **March 10**, at 7pm at the clubhouse.

The Acacia Association Board of Director's Meeting

February 11, 2020

The Board of Director's Meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 2020 was brought to order at 7:00p.m. by V.P. Kalinoski.

Directors in attendance were: V.P. Kalinoski, Sec'y Brandush, Murray, Kwiatek, and Voyles.

Dirs. absent were: Eckert, Polacek, and Boyd

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (Brandush,Voyles) to accept the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 BOD Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed. (5/0/3).

Home Owners comments/questions: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: John Polacek reports on the Treasurer's Report Page, you can see that the assessment collection was \$99,868 which included several homeowners who pay for the entire year in January. With other sources of income, we show a total income for the month of \$101,485.

Total Expenses were \$38,717 leaving a net income of \$56,767. We continue to see our fund balances building as expected into the beginning of 2020.

The accounts receivable currently stands at \$2,837.11. 15 members have Past Due Accounts. We continue to do all the law allows to collect the outstanding balances.

In January, 10 members had late payment fees and/or interest applied. Currently 229 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. 59% 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 Balance and Operating Fund Balance. They now stand at:

Reserve Fund \$234,264

Operating Fund \$653,337

Total \$887,661

Motion (Brandush, Voyles) to approve the Treasures Report. Motion Passed. (5/0/3).

Clubhouse Director's Report: Loretta Murray has nothing to report.

Recreation Facilities Director's Report: In Amy Eckert's absence **Loretta Murray reports**, after adopting a budget with no increase to assessments we looked at the contract with Chicagoland Pool to see if we could decrease the cost. We looked at the staffing level for guards and were able to cut back on some of the hours therefore saving Acacia \$5,000.00. The Board approved the change by electronic vote.

Grounds Maintenance Director's Report: Jack Brandush reports I received bids from Family Landscaping and Tree Werks, Inc. for tree trimming for the 2020 trimming areas in Acacia. I am making a motion to accept the first contract for trimming two oak trees by Family Landscaping for \$670. These trees must be trimmed in the winter season.

Motion (Brandush, Kwiatek) to have Family Tree Werks trim two oak trees in the amount of \$670.00. Motion passed. (5/0/3).

A reminder to tie up all trash bags and secure loose items to prevent the wind blowing them all over the area.

Townhome Maintenance Director's Report: Peggy Kwiatek reports It has been a quiet month for townhome maintenance since service requests are not accepted until April.

But I have been trying to put together a committee to look into changing the color of our townhomes, and also a committee who would like to volunteer their talents in gardening to help spruce up our Acacia entrances. Anyone interested in these issues and volunteering their time, please call the office.

Village Relations Director's Report: Sharon Kalinoski has nothing to report since there has not been a Village Meeting since the last Acacia Board meeting. The next Village meeting will be Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Village Hall.

Architectural & Landscape Committee Report: Diane Voyles reports for the month of January there were 4 requests for new projects and 4 inspections of completed projects.

Reminder your WINTER decorations should be removed by March 1.

