

ACACIA TIMES

Monthly Newsletter of The Acacia Association

February 2020

Acacia Board General Election/Annual Meeting

Resumes for Board of Director Candidates

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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.

Valentine's Day decorations should be removed by February 22 or 7 days after the holiday per Rules and Regulations.

Welcome Baskets: Peggy Rose reports that a welcome basket was delivered this past month to a new resident at 47 Elmwood. The new resident expressed his appreciation for the welcome basket and all of the information on our lovely amenities of Acacia.

If you have recently moved to Acacia and have not received a welcome basket, please call Peggy Rose at 708 505-4733.

Acacia Office: Sharon Kalinoski reports in Amy Eckerts absence, February is election of board members and Annual Meeting month. Please make sure that you take the time to vote in the election for board members. We have 3 – 3-year positions and 1–2-year position to fill this year. You can vote at the office throughout the month (Monday through Friday - hours 8:30 – 11:45 and 12:15 – 3:30) and on Tuesday, February 25th you can also vote from 3:30 until the start of the Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm.

FYI – Keith Hale contacted the office to let us know he will not be running for the Board as he recently started a new job and won't be available for meetings.

At the December 2019 Board meeting we discussed and agreed to increase the fee for late assessment payments.

Homeowners Forum: A resident in the audience asked who is leaving the board? The Board explained that one board member had resigned, and that Jack, Sharon, and Diane are all up for election and running.

New Business: None

Motion (Kalinowski, Kwiatek) to adjourn the meeting and move to Executive Session. All in favor. Motion passed. (5/0/3).

7:28 end meeting

7:35 begin executive session. During executive session the board agreed to offer contract to Pasquale DiDiana for the Assistant Maintenance Supervisor position.

7:58 end executive session

Return to Open Session.

Motion (Kalinowski, Kwiatek) to adjourn Open Session. All in favor. Motion passed. (5/0/3).

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE 2020 BOARD:

Hello,

My name is Anita Holub. I have lived in Acacia 7 years now and enjoy the Acacia community very much. I would love to be more involved with the community by joining the Board. Acacia has so much to offer and I would love your support to continue to make Acacia the best place to live.

My name is Sharon Kalinoski and I have served on the Acacia board for the past 2 years. I have been a CPA since 1995, with a MBA, and licensed real estate broker for 5 years. I helped our association greatly increase our interest income, and helped to keep our 2020 assessments the same as 2019. My current board position as Vice President/Village Relations Director involves attending Village Board meetings and writing reports. If elected I will continue to keep the best interests of the association members as a guide for decisions. Thank you.

Diane Voyles

I have lived in Acacia for over 4 years and have participated on the Acacia board during the last 2 years, on the Architecture and Landscape Control Committee.

I am running again for the board because I would like to continue to contribute to the future of our community. As a current board member, I championed increasing income revenue from sources other than

homeowner assessments. I worked to standardize and modernize our existing ALCC forms. I lead the team in an overall assessment of the Acacia property in an effort to ensure the continued upkeep and overall appearance of the homes in Acacia.

I have over 30 years of experience in the business world where I am employed as a computer programmer. I have extensive experience in project management, team building and customer service. I also serve on the board of the Chicago chapter of DAMA, a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the advancement of data asset management concepts.

Thank you for your consideration.

My name is **Lynda McMillin** and I have an interest in being on the Acacia Board of Directors. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education and also a license in Health and Life Insurance. I taught for 25 years during which time I was Building representative for 4 years and Secretary of our Union for 6 years. After retiring from teaching, I was a para-educator in the Special Education Department at Lyons Township High School for 13 years. During this time, I was Secretary of our Para-union for 6 years. I am able to work well with people and feel that I have always tried to contribute to all activities I've been involved with whether it be Highlands School, St. Cletus, LT Booster Club, Highlands Woman's Club or Brookfield Zoo.

Thank you

I'm Jack Brandush and I have been an Acacia resident for 43 years, currently living at 1 Cascade Drive. I have three adult children, all who have grown up in Acacia.

I am retired from Electro-Motive Diesel, Inc. and was an Environmental Engineer, managing air and water pollution control, hazardous waste and materials, energy and water conservation, recycling, and employee safety concerns for 40 years. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois and a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager.

I currently serve on Acacia's Board of Directors as Secretary, as Grounds Director and an ALCC member. I have been on the Board for the last nine years and have also served as Recreation Director, and Director of the Architectural and Landscaping Control Committee.

If reelected, I would work with the current Board and use my engineering expertise and Acacia experience to continue to look for cost savings ideas, control costs, and keep the assessment as low as possible, while continuing to give Acacia residents the services that have made this townhome complex a great place to live. I will serve in any capacity that is most needed by the Board and the community.

E-MAIL INFORMATION AND PERMISSION

Effective January 1, 2020 we will no longer be mailing the Acacia Times to residents. It will be published on our website, acacia-ihp.org, we can e-mail it to you or you can stop in the office and pick up a copy.

We will also add you to our e-mail list so that you will receive information from Acacia about upcoming events, notices (snow plowing, etc.) and information from the Village of Indian Head Park.

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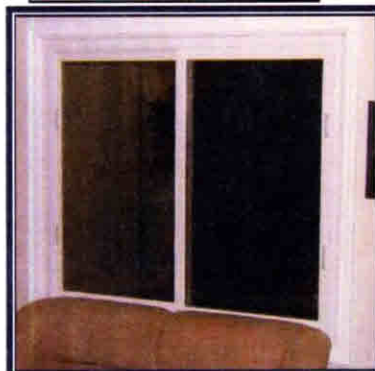


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