MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

May 9, 2018 6:30 p.m. Stark Company Realtors 702 N. High Point Road Madison, WI 53717

<u>Present</u>: John Pinto (President), Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Elizabeth Albano (Secretary), Birgitta Larson Gamez (Treasurer) Susan Ames (ACC Chair), Diane Littman (Social), Amelia Tastad (Communications), Dave Phillips (Greenways).

Excused: Liz Fenster (Block Captains)

<u>Convening of Meeting</u> J. Pinto opened the meeting at 6:30p.m., distributed an Agenda and requested approval of the draft minutes of the last regular board meeting previously e-mailed to the Board by E. Albano.

<u>Secretary's Report/Quorum/Approval of Minutes</u> S. Ames acknowledged the presence of a quorum. D. Phillips moved approval of the April 11, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented; seconded by A. Tastad; Approved unanimously by members present.

REPORTS

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: B. Larson Gamez reported P.O Box has been transferred into Birgitta Larson Garmez's name. Association dues are mailed to P.O. Box. Adding note in Board Handbook to transfer name on P.O. Box when new member becomes Treasurer. 93% of dues have been collected. Processing 2 more today. Started the process of generating 2nd notice letters.

President's Report: J. Pinto reported no new activity.

Architectural Control Committee Report S. Ames reported Carol Ottenstein and Ron Sklansky of 26 Oxwood Circle emailed a follow-up request for the association to notify their neighbors on Rye Circle to take care of their backyard as it is very overgrown or the association would file a lien against them. Initial request was sent last year. J. Pinto will follow-up about the complaint.

Greenways Report: D. Phillips reported tried to hold a committee meeting but no one responded. Lawn care contract has been negotiated for this year by Gabe Anibas. Mowing schedule remains unchanged this year. EAB inoculation to be done every other year. Bills will be sent directly to the Board. No tree pruning problems reported at walkways. Proposing company owned by Jeff Olson to come and remove the buckthorn and garlic mustard. Has done work for the association in the past. Looking into rain gardens as a way to mitigate the negative effects of rainwater runoff. Greenway B is a drainage problem. At annual meeting will discuss if members of the association are interested in contributing to rain gardens.

<u>Block Captains/Communication Committees Report:</u> L. Fenster reported in process of writing and planning the May newsletter. Will include information about July 4th parade. Each board member to send job description to A. Tastad for Board Handbook, including transitional responsibilities.

<u>Social Committee Report:</u> D. Littman noted neighborhood Independence Day Parade will take place on Wednesday, July 4th. Details will in the May newsletters.

Old Business:

>D&O Insurance Policy: Plan options – Currently have \$952 liability coverage vs \$1000 liability and D&O coverage. Nicole from Harms Insurance can get both liability and D&O coverage for \$1,000. B. Larson Gamez send a written quote to the Board for comparison.

New Business:

> No new business to report.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> J. Pinto noted that the next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Stark Company Realtors.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

Submitted by E. Albano