

Kings Park West Civic Association  
Board Meeting  
December 2024  
Via Laurel Ridge Elementary School

**Members Present:** Helen Santoro, Merideth Manella, Pamela Thibodeau, Alan Morris, Jonathan Reiser

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**Call to Order:** 7:01 pm

**Block Captain Appreciation event:** Alan confirmed that we have a line-item block captain appreciation budget of \$300, separate from volunteer appreciation. Jonathan confirmed that we have given gift cards in the past. Pamela suggested a raffle for gift cards, with small gifts for the handful of very involved block captains – estimate is that we have around 90 block captains total. We decided on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm for the block captain appreciation event, with the possibility of making it a general membership meeting. Location is tentatively the Burke Centre library.

**Calendar:** Meri led a discussion of a proposed calendar of events she had created. We plan to continue the volunteer appreciation award (the Cathy) we started in 2024. Motion was made to drop the fall community yard sale due to lack of interest, and the motion was carried. Helen suggested restructuring Dumpster Day to offer coupons for junk removal, and she also suggested that we do more than one general membership meeting per year, with the aim for 3 big events each year. Meri suggested guest speakers; Alan noted that events may increase our insurance premiums. Helen moved to shift the Volunteer Appreciation event to June; motion was carried. Eggstravaganza – we agreed that we don't want the event to conflict with FPCS spring break – Meri will email Cathy regarding the date. Fall Festival – Helen brought up how we can use the Festival to incentivize membership. We agreed to table this for the time being.

**Other Business:**

**Pro-Rating of Dues:** Helen suggested a way to pro-rate dues by offering discounted membership for the year following if dues were paid late in the year. Alan asked how many people this would affect. Discussion was tabled until later.

**Board Positions:** We need an at-large board member, and will need a new VP by summer. President encouraged the board to think about neighbors who might be interested; Meri noted that there is a fair amount of admin relating to the Boy Scouts, so a Scout parent might be ideal.

**Clubs:** Helen will send out ideas/proposals for special interest clubs.

Minutes were approved.

**Adjournment:** 8:02 pm