

Meeting Minutes from the ARA Board Meeting, December 3, 2019

Attending: Dean Anderson, Mollie Cardamone, Pam Baker, Jodie Vashistha, Connie Riesenbeck, Rob Hoff, Georgia Salaverri, Julie Guirguis, Carol Fournier
Guest: Tihda Vongkoth

- The minutes of the 11/5/2019 ARA meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Julie reported a current balance of \$3,285.51. The amount of dues collected in November was \$2,074.72, bringing our household memberships to 47. Picnic expenses were \$169.75. A current list of ARA members will be updated and sent to all board members.
- **Announcements:**
 - The next ARA Board meeting will be January 14, 2020. Tihda will include this on our website, indicating date was moved from the usual first Tuesday to the second one of the month.
 - The ARA annual Business Meeting will be held on March 1, 2020 at Selby Gardens from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Dean has requested the same large room as used last year, with Board members providing wine, water and light refreshments. The agenda for that meeting will include a presentation on the Lift Station project, which is expected to significantly impact our neighborhood, a Selby presentation, and an introduction of our two new Board members, Georgia and Jodie. A pre-meeting tour of the gardens is being considered.
 - The ARA Spring Social is scheduled for April 24th, 2020 at the home of Lisa Morris. Chairs and tables have been reserved, with pot luck dishes from those attending. Mike Ross Trio will provide music, neighbor Grant covering one half cost.
- **Old Business**
 - Connie and Carol gave a brief update on Book Club, which will be launched in January.
 - Dean and Carol will paint the remaining urns in January.
 - Georgia and Carol have been asked by Southside Village folks to be judges in the neighborhood holiday lighting contest.

- **New Business**

- Georgia listed several items she plans to include in the upcoming newsletter.
- Rob discussed automatic notifications of significant Avondale events and announcements to members and on website. This was favorably received and will be pursued.
- The board discussed a legal fund, separate from ARA treasury, with tax ramifications and other issues that potentially would have an effect on ARA. Dean asked Jodie to research By-Laws in the event changes were made what might be required from a legal and expense matter.
- The future FPL project was discussed and it was suggested that they present at our annual business meeting.
- Carol asked if there was any new information on the antique lights for Avondale. No, but, there needs to be a neighborhood discussion on this possibility prior to any action. Mollie suggested that individual home owners can pursue this and pay for this on their own should they want to, etc. Nancy Kelly suggested that Avondale can pursue a special tax for an infrastructure project such as this. The board agreed there needs to be more discussion on this topic.