
The Fleetwood View

Your Online Newsletter

July 2007

SUMMARY

- **The Board Meets ...** agenda is on the light side
- **What's Going On ...** hear it from the Committee Chairs
- **Prescription for Fleetwood? ...** Defibrillator is under consideration
- **There's an Auction Coming ...** check your surplus goodies

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Light Agenda ... Quick Work

The Fleetwood Board, meeting at the Clubhouse July 11, made quick work of a light agenda.

Vice President Bill Seibert presided in the absence of President Morris Guthrie, who was a bit under the weather. The Chair welcomed the residents and called attention to the July 4th outing, which attracted 76 owners and guests. Compliments and applause went to Social Chair Ellen Full and her committee.

Bill said that preparations for the upcoming annual meeting notice are well under way, among them consideration of the budget and report of the Nominating Committee. The next Board meeting will be August 8.

In the absence of any formal actions by the Board, the heavy hitting was left to the committee chairs, who gave reports on the many areas of activity in the community.

Now to the Reports

Treasurer

INCOME for the month of June was \$637.59, all from interest.

OPERATING EXPENSES in June totaled \$17,992.69. The larger expenses over \$500 per budget line item included: \$4,754.99 for our quarterly Insurance premium; \$4,059.11 for Building Repairs; \$581.55 for Clubhouse operations; \$692.42 for the Pool operation; \$1,545.00 for three Lawn Mowings; \$1,500.00 for Contract Landscaping; \$3,336.00 for non-contract Landscaping (pulling/cutting weeds and trimming frozen materials); and \$1,015.86 for Tree Maintenance (treating the Hemlock disease and removing dead plants). All other line items under \$500 amounted to \$507.76. Note: There were no bills for Grounds Maintenance last month.

REPLACEMENT/RESERVE EXPENSES – there were none in June.

SOCIAL FUND: There was no income in June and one expense of \$230.45 for a new Bingo Machine. The balance in this account as of June 30, 2007 is \$2,367.06.

The ending balances in our other accounts as of June 30, 2007 are:

- Checking Account (Operating Fund) \$46,145.64
- * Wachovia Money Market Account \$27,585.92
- * Vanguard Money Market Account \$17,695.13
- * Certificates of Deposit \$51,784.80

- Replacement/Reserve Account \$97,065.85
- TOTAL CASH \$143,211.49

The transfer of funds from a matured Wachovia CD to the Vanguard Prime Money Market Account was completed this month. This Vanguard account's average annual return is 5.11%.

Ronald A. Rosenberger, Treasurer

Grounds

1. At the end of the month, the town of Laurel Park will be coming up to clean up the area around the pump house. The town may repaint the tank, as well. If so, it will be painted the same green color which, according to the town manager, is the color of all Laurel Park water tanks.
2. The Grounds Committee will meet with a landscape designer from Raymond Nursery on July 28 to secure ideas on how best to landscape the water pump area. Since the whole area needs reworking, hiding the pump and pump house will just be part of larger problems such as
 - a. Erosion control
 - b. Plantings around the pump as well as plantings in the entire area. The hemlock takedown exposed a host of problems which should be addressed.
 - c. Ground cover recommendations
 - d. Mulching
 - e. Possible use of lattice work to hide a large portion of the pump from street view.
3. The Grounds Committee will meet with Laurel Park's water department to discuss ways to transport water to proposed planting areas. If it is determined that transporting water to these areas is not practical, the committee will instruct our grounds maintenance company to mulch the entire area so that the area will be presentable until such time that a complete redo of the area can be accomplished.
4. Grass will be cut on 7/12/07; trimming 3 feet down the bank will begin on 7/12/07; tall weed trimming on the banks will begin 7/17/07; a general community wide hedge/shrub/tree trimming will begin in early August, 2007.

Ed Eggers. Chair

Social

Fourth of July Event had 76 people attending and we raised \$301 for a donation towards the AED from the dessert auction.

We have a new popcorn machine. This Friday (July 13) will be Bingo Night after the BYOB.

Monday July 16th some of us are going to the Brevard Music Center for a Bach Lunch. We get a box lunch and enjoy students in a chamber music performance. The Bach Lunch is free. The box lunch will have a fee. If you want to join us and have not already contacted me, please do so now so we know how many lunches to order. We will leave the clubhouse about 10:30 a.m. and carshare.

Thursday, July 19th is movie night at 7 p.m. We will show “Walking Ned Divine”, a hilarious Irish comedy. And what would a movie be without popcorn?

Our Bi-Annual Auction will be on September 14th. We are looking for items that need a new home. Not your dog or your husband, but your slightly out of favor treasures in good condition. If you are cleaning out now please let us know and we will store them for you.

We are going to the Hendersonville Symphony/Flat Rock Singers performance in Brevard on August 24th. We will go to dinner before the performance and car pool. I have a few tickets left – they are \$30 each.

I have been e-mailing notices to everyone on my computer Fleetwood list. If you have not been getting the notices (one went out last night) and would like to stay in the loop please give me your correct e-mail address.

Ellen Full, Chair

Building Maintenance

Contractors have been busy replacing and painting panels and doing porch and deck improvements. The annual termite inspection will be done the first week in August with Mike Abarbanell in charge. (Contact Mike if you want to help.)

Financial Planning

The 2007-2008 budget and the long-range financial plan are complete and will be given to the Board in August.

Promotions

The Committee is proceeding with a re-make of the Fleetwood brochure, with revised narratives. Color photos of the Community are being solicited.

Frank Clarke, Vice President

Prescription for Fleetwood?

The practical value of obtaining an Automated External Defibrillator for use in life-threatening emergencies at Fleetwood is being explored.

The pros and cons of having such a device – used to restart a stalled heart with electrical impulses – were presented by Sally Fee after the Board meeting July 11.

Sally, a RN, was a Red Cross – certified CPR and AED instructor. She assembled material on the AED, being considered as a project of the Social Committee.

The AED would be readily available at the Clubhouse if a Fleetwood resident suffered a heart attack and needed immediate attention. Ideally, it would be a quick resource in such emergencies at the pool, fitness room or during gatherings. A network of qualified residents – those who have completed a CPR and AED course -- could be established to operate the machine.

Sally raised questions for us to consider:

If a resident suffered a heart attack in his/her unit how quickly could the caregiver gain access to the AED and how much time would be required to obtain help from a qualified operator? (IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT THE FIRST STEP IN THIS TYPE OF EMERGENCY WOULD BE THE CALL TO 911 AND TO ADMINISTER CPR.)

Sally established that the Fire Department has an AED on every truck and she was told they could respond in four minutes. If we accept that assurance, would we be able to access our own AED in that time frame?

To help with the assessment Social Chair Ellen Full brought a computer video on the AED to the BYOB. It deals in detail with AED methodology and its life-saving possibilities.

Bottom line: The big questions seem to be one of timely access and maintenance of a network of residents qualified to use the device. The cost (\$1,100 to \$1,700) appears to be a minor issue (\$300 was raised in the dessert auction July 4th). Sally and Ellen want resident input, so give them an e-mail or a note with your thoughts.

Dick Wynne, View Staff

And in Conclusion

- If you use the Clubhouse grill, clean it thoroughly when your party's over! That's the advice we heard at the meeting ... Instances of residue underneath and overflowing grease container prompted the reminder.
- See the Social Committee Report and the separate posting for info on the Auction, now scheduled for September 14th.
- Please, please: No glass in the pool area. If any is broken the dangers are obvious And clean-up means draining the pool!
- If you are fresh out of the water, don't go dripping through the Clubhouse... Use the outside avenue to restrooms.
- And, once again, if you are leaving for 72 hours, a Departure Notice is mandatory. And water turn-off applies even for overnight absences. Help keep us dry!

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