

## **GCHOA General Budget Meeting December 9, 2014**

Those attending meeting: Chuck Walters - President, Heather Lee - Treasurer, Ann-Marie Charleston-Secretary, Randy Cail- Member at Large, Homeowners- see attached sign in sheet

Chuck called the meeting to order. The purpose is to vote on the allocations of the 2015 budget. Minutes from the last General meeting were available for anyone to read.

Luminaries – Yes we are doing them again this year. Pete Vanness said he will coordinate but it will be his last year. Will need to find another family or families to coordinate this event.

Sign at front of neighbor – John Anderson mentioned that we may need a permit for that. Need to check.

Scott Kingsley asked how many houses still not paid. Seven have not paid for 2014.

John Anderson asked how many non-members we currently have. He suggested we pursue those people with some kind of incentive. Suzanne Kingsley suggested we find out what other subdivisions are charging and show how much value our subdivision has for the cost. Randy suggested we send out letters and see if anyone is interested.

Randy Cail mentioned the pool basement improvements and Lisa Shirley elaborated. Things to be done are paint floor and walls, new lights, cabinets, sheetrock ceiling and glass block the window opening. Scott Kingsley suggested putting a baby changing table down there.

We also talked about getting new tables for the pool area, tennis court resurfacing, new playground equipment being enjoyed and the idea of putting a gazebo type structure inside the pool fence for shade.

John Anderson asked about the \$5,000 legal fees. \$650 is the retainer and \$500 was spent to collect dues. John said we should review Lee Ramsey's audit recommendations and make sure they are being followed. Taxes and license were behind but now they are up to date. John asked if we needed another audit done but Heather Lee said she did one when she came on the Board and was learning the system.

January 2015 invoices for homeowners' dues will be mailed out.

John Anderson asked if the Board could provide a list of members and non-members so John could make some calls to people he might know. Chuck said that is something the Board will handle.

Randy Cail asked to be informed of new neighbors moving in so he can deliver welcome packets.

Vote was taken on the proposed budget and passed with a quorum.

Suzanne Kingsley asked about house violations – especially the second house on left as you come in on Rhododendron. Randy mentioned there is an open file on that house with Cobb County and they are getting notices from the county. John Anderson said if a car is parked on a curve and buses are running, that you can call the police and they will ticket that car. Randy talked about how many cars are allowed to park on the driveways.

Phil Pierson mentioned he has seen coyotes even during the day. Everyone should be careful.

John Anderson brought us up to date on the new proposed Quick Trip gas station. Discussion was had about all the new construction on 75. There was a traffic count done on Rhododendron but no one knows what the outcome of that is. Someone suggested we ask the county for more signs, a 4 way stop sign at Mahonia and Boxwood Trace and slow children playing signs.

Suzanne Kingsley mentioned how many gutters and storm drains are not being cleaned and are getting clogged. A suggestion was made that we put a note in the mail boxes of the offenders to clean their street gutters before the luminaries go out.

A suggestion was made to add to the next newsletter a personal plea about street parking, drivers to slow down as there are children playing, people pushing strollers and new drivers in the subdivision.

Suzanne Kingsley (and others) thanked the Board for their work.

Chuck motioned to close and the meeting was adjourned.