

Minutes of the Fortress Way/Court Road Association Meeting held May 7, 2015:

FWRA members dodged rain showers to meet at the Veterans' Hall in Pioneer at 5:30 - 6:00PM. Attending were Richard & Susan Farrington, President of the Board of Directors, John and Sharon Berglund, Fifth Board Member, Brian Gray, Vice President, Bob and Irene Passeri, Treasurer, Lorraine Campbell, Secretary, Kelly Langelier, Roy and Dolores Bjornson, Auditors, Marvel and Dusty Rhoades, Betty and Don Crawford, Lloyd Burnthorn and Jenny East, Bill and Elaine Dye.

Gratitude from the crowd was extended to Susan Farrington and Elaine Dye for preparing such a welcomed feast/potluck dinner, Brian Gray was KFC delivery man.

Meeting began early with no new members to introduce but with the motion by Sharon Berglund, seconded by Susan Farrington to accept the new Board of Directors for 2015 - 2016, with no challenges. Total ayes.

Minutes of the 2014 meeting were distributed for corrections or omissions, and accepted with a motion by Brian Gray, seconded by Sharon Berglund, total ayes.

Unanimous sentiments of sympathy were extended to family and friends of the recently departed Judy Burnthorn, Nadine Galli, Marilu DiCarlo and David Langelier.

The opening of the Treasurer's report by Richard Farrington mentioned how grateful he was for living among and serving such special friends and neighbors as those who live on our street. Bob Passeri's written budget for 2014 - 2015, and the projected budget for 2015 - 2016 was presented. Copies to whomever is interested will be available upon request. Balance to date, approximately \$38,000.00. Motion to accept as presented by Kelly Langelier, seconded by Lorraine Campbell. Further discussion centered around Roy and Dolores Bjornson's Audit of the Treasurer's Report to be "found completely A+ and Correct", per Roy with gratitude to them for their time in helping FWRA with this audit. Bob suggested that the Board look into consolidating all funds under one roof at El Dorado Bank, in Pine Grove. Logistics and rates on CD's were the biggest reasons to change at this time. This task for the future Board report was put into motion by Kelly Langelier and seconded by Lorraine Campbell. Unanimous Ayes. Mention made at this lull in the proceedings about Rich listening to what would be entailed in turning our street maintenance over to the County, just what would be involved? This was met by unanimous negative response with no further discussion after admitting that we are doing it much better with volunteers, at a quicker pace, within or below budget, keeping our repairs and expenses focused on OUR ROAD ASSOCIATION.

Copies of the Third Amendment to the Road Maintenance were made available to the members. Further copies available online or upon request of Lorraine Campbell, Secretary, 295-8820. This has been registered with the County officially and the changes will expand the definitions in our Bylaws re:

- ....Properties accessed by Fortress Court/Way
- ...Changes in amount of dues payable in January, delinquent March 30th each year
- ...Creation of title of Vice President, additional fifth Board Member, and Annual Audit of the Treasury
- ...Parking on our street is defined as "Off Pavement", not "Off Street"

... Walkers w/dogs mentioned, speed of vehicles mentioned

...The new directional sign approved and tested by the Rhoades family already, with all thumbs up and gratitude to the crew that made it a reality.

Richard Farrington's masterful and brief slide show depiction of the before and after road repairs done last year foreshadowed the work vital to be faced this year. That maintenance includes patching and sealing professionally, thus extending the life of the road surface, still in good repair. Heavy drainage work, chip sealing and safety brush overhang trimming relies on members' vigilance. and reporting to the Board members. John Berglund stated that the professional, Bob Andre, sealed the cracks and fissures for less than the cost of the material to do so by amateurs, with no liability as well. We are blessed to have a quorum of experienced, knowledgeable people in road maintenance matters as resident members of FWRA. Dusty Rhoades nodded affirmatively at measures to preserve edge integrity, adding that the drought conditions are working in our favor now, but we must anticipate all conditions due to seasonal/climate changes as well. Pictures of edge cracking, plugged culverts, drains filled in, ditches in need of being dug out, sedimentation on asphalt undercutting edges and burying pipes, root growth rampant and pipes blocked...the task is doable but requires professional equipment with commercial grade high pressure hoses, now available to the Board with budget allocation for 2015/ 2016. Homeowners at intersecting access roads need to address drainage problems with a paved apron to offset the softening and traction erosion occurring there. His pictures are worth 1,000 words. It was unfortunate that so small a percentage of members could make this meeting to appreciate all the work Rich extended to this presentation. It was met with hearty applause and gratitude. Motion by Sharon Berglund and seconded by Brian Gray to implement the recent allocation of the \$6,000.00 for this purpose, immediately. Unanimous Ayes.

Lloyd Burnthorn discussed water diversion due to logs placed by neighbor near his property causing undue erosion. Consultations are being planned by the BOD for this matter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM by Sharon Berglund, seconded by Susan Farrington, unopposed.

Respectfully Submitted

Lorraine Campbell, Secretary