

**Final Draft
Minutes
The Stoneleigh Community Association
Annual Meeting
December 6, 2004**

Present:

Fred Stringfellow	Joe Cirelli	Bissett Schwanke
Janice Arcieri	Kathleen Williams	Brough Schamp
Keith Voss	Nancy Talbott	Carole McDade
Will Hicklen	Lee Starkey	Kelly Reif

Absent:

Barry Miller

The Annual Meeting was held on December 6, 2004, in the Stoneleigh Elementary School cafeteria. There was a quorum. President Fred Stringfellow called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

- **Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting, December 2003.** (Attachment A)
- **Moved, seconded and carried to approve the Board of Governors Slate for 2005.**
- Fred reviewed the 2004 YTD Income: Savings Balance = \$12,258; Checking Balance = \$12,228; Total = \$24,486. (Attachment B)
- 2005 Budget (attachment C) – **Moved, seconded and carried to approve the 2005 Budget.**

Presidents Remarks:

- Fred commended Will Hicklen and the Pool Committee for a great year.
- Kudos to Kelly Reif and the Social Committee for a great year of social events including the addition of an Adult Halloween Party.
- We survived the York Road re-construction! Thank you to all community members who patronized our local businesses during the construction. As a community we must continue to support our local businesses.
- Historic Signage- We began the process and hope to get signs in the future.
- Fred offered an apology for the Restrictions and Improvements article which appeared in the last issue of *The Stoneleighite*. The intent was to make the community aware that motorized scooters are illegal to operate on public streets

in Baltimore County. The article came across as sarcastic and offended some members of the community. The purpose of the Restrictions and Improvements column is to educate community members on issues of state and county regulations.

- Fred presented Janice Arcieri with engraved crystal bowl from the Board of Governors in honor of her years of service to our community. Janice was also presented with a certificate from the Baltimore County Police Department in recognition of her service to the community.

Joe Cirelli, 2nd Vice President:

- Joe thanked all those present for coming to the meeting. Joe said that the position of 2nd VP has changed over the past years from social chair to a communications position.
- **The Stoneleigh Web Site-** The purpose of the site is to communicate with community members. The cost of the site is insignificant while the benefit is great. The site contains announcements, articles from *The Stoneleighite*, minutes from the annual meeting, by-laws. We are starting to use the site for more applications like the non-resident pool application.
- Thank you to Barney Kirby for designing and building the site as well as maintaining and updating the site in the past year.
- Joe made a plea asking for assistance in maintaining the web site. Anyone who is interested please contact Joe.

Janice Arcieri, Security/COP:

- Janice thanked everyone for the recognition of her service. She introduced Joe Oddo, Eric Swift, and Richard Blesser. Please email Eric Swift to be added to the COP email list.
- Amy Williams, Youth Ambassador for the COP, spoke about how children can participate in our community COP.
- Janice addressed the four ways community members can participate in COP: COP Driver on Patrol, COP supporter/walker/biker/runner/driver on Patrol, COP email network, Towson Area COP email network.
- Thank you to Kathleen Williams for the refrigerator magnets.
- Janice and Joe donated a large print of “The Night Watch” by Rembrandt to be placed in COP building. She also presented Amy Williams with a smaller copy of the same print. Janice pointed out that among the men in the painting is a little girl. Highlighting that we want to involve the young people of our community.
- **Richard Blesser** spoke, offering thanks to Janice for her work over the past five years.

Kelly Reif, Social Chair:

- Kelly stated that all events this year had the highest attendance ever!
- This was the first year for Casino Night. It was a very successful event. It was well attended and there was a profit.
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Adult Night- Great turnout and NO RAIN!!!!
- Labor Day Fair- Incredible event, over \$2000 worth of donations from community businesses. Fish table and dunking booth were big hits.
- Adult Halloween Party- Held at the pool, will hopefully be an annual event.
- Kids Halloween Party- Held at the pool on a beautiful Fall day. This was a success. This event will continue to be held at the pool weather permitting.
- Breakfast with Santa scheduled for 12/18.
- Save the date of March 4th for the 2005 Casino Night!
- Kelly is passing the torch to Kate Reinhart and her committee of 12!

Will Hicklen, Pool Chair:

- Will said it was a great year to be head of the Pool Committee! He appreciates the work of past committees. There were very few negative comments and many positive comments this past year.
- DRD- The management of the pool by DRD has been a great success. We will renew their contract for the next two years.
- The pool purchased an automated vacuum; as a result the pool was clean all the time this past season.
- The social events like crab feast, adult nights, and sip & dips were a success and the committee would like to build on that next year.
- The pool loan balance was reduced from \$242,000 to \$230,000 plus an additional \$40,000 will be paid next week leaving a balance of \$190,000.
- Stoneleigh Sharks- Best year ever!!! The Sharks won several meets. Other teams told our parents and kids that the Sharks were the most improved team ever. Many of the Sharks are now swimming year round.
Many Thanks to swim team directors Kristina and Eric Paltell and Kathryn Yarkony. The directors did an unbelievable fiscal job. The 2003 Sharks subsidy from the community was \$12,000. The 2004 subsidy was \$ 209!!!!
Next year the Sharks director will be Sandy Hicklen.
- 2005 forecast for pool income is \$9837, this is very conservative figure.
- Thank you to the pool committee; Bob Huether, Sandy Hicklen, Jeff Whitehead, Richard Blesser.
- The pool exceeded projected income for 2004 and stayed on budget. Both the pool committee and The BOG approved the 2005 pool budget unanimously.
- A community member expressed concern about 2004 water ballet expense of \$5113.91. Will explained that the hope is that this program will become more self-sufficient.

Kathleen Williams, Roads and Improvements:

- Kathleen was glad to report that there is not much work left to complete the York Rd. improvement. There will be more trees planted. More work ahead for the opposite side of York Rd.
- GTTC Meeting- The big issue has been traffic concerning Towson University, St. Joseph's, and Sheppard Pratt. These entities are working together to come to a solution. Kathleen will continue to report on this issue via *The Stoneleighite*.
- Sidewalks in disrepair continue to be a problem throughout the neighborhood.
- The average price of a home in Stoneleigh has risen to almost \$500,000. This is a 23% increase from 2003.
- A resident asked about the repaving of York Rd. Kathleen reported that the repaving of York Rd. will be the last thing to be done.
- A resident expressed concern regarding shrubs planted too close to entrances on York Rd. inhibiting driver visibility. Kathleen responded that these will have to be pruned.
- Another resident commented that he believes that there has been an increase in restricted parking in the community. Kathleen responded that the reason for the restricted parking on one of the street is to insure ample space for school busses and emergency vehicles. The neighbor suggested that the community should have a position on the restricted parking so we don't have a situation where all of a sudden all the streets in our neighborhood are restricted to parking on one side only.

Parking pads adjacent to the street were suggested as helpful. It was pointed out that it is illegal to pave the grassy right of way between street and the sidewalk. This is the location of many utilities such as water, gas and electric.

Carole McDade, School Liaison:

- Carole reported that she is leaving this post after 3 official years of service plus 3 un-official years! She welcomed Shelly Roseborough to the role of school liaison and offered her best wishes.
- Over the past year some improvements were made to the back lane behind the school. There were ballards installed to stop people from driving and parking on the woodland areas. Still pending is increased signage and asphalt patching for the lane.
- Replacement Memorial trees were planted for two students who died during the 1980's. These were purchased from funds from the PTA and deep discount from Greenfield's Nursery.
- There are ongoing maintenance issues with the Pemberton Rd. streetscape. The trees did receive fertilization courtesy of the PTA. Carole will continue as the chair of volunteer gardeners and will be looking into the shrubbery situation along this strip in the future.
- Carole coordinated the date and scope of the Cub Scout clean up on school grounds, corresponded about lighting issues and shrub issues.

Nancy Talbott, Garden Club Chair:

- There are currently 23 members in the Garden Club. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month.
- The Christmas luncheon will be held December 14th.
- The January meeting will be a tour of Druid Hill Conservatory. You do not have to be a member of the Garden to join them for the tour.

Brough Schamp, Greening and Recycling:

- Maintenance of the York Rd. strip has been hampered by the recent construction. Weed control along the strip will be a problem due to the loss of grass. Rob will mulch and trim shrubs.
- Dumpster Day- Thank you to Kathleen Williams for organizing the event. This year we raised \$600.
- Canopy Tree Planting- This project was started by Lydia Kimball 4-5 years ago. This past month 30 trees were planted along Kingston Rd. Any resident interested in purchasing a tree should contact Brough.
- Thank you to Tom, Rob Riley and Jim MacMiller for putting up the Christmas decorations!
- A neighbor inquired if the York Rd. strip north of the Stoneleigh sign will be improved. Yes, the plan is for the SHA to landscape that whole strip, hopefully in the spring.
- Improvements to the Stoneleigh sign to come next year.
- A neighbor asked what the status was of the woodlands behind the tennis courts. Another neighbor said that the Country Club of Maryland owns the land and they are trying to build a golf cart path and are working with the county regarding regulations.

Lee Starkey, *The Stoneleighite* Editor:

- Lee expressed his thanks to his wife, Wilma, for proof reading and to Fred and the BOG for assistance in submitting articles to *The Stoneleighite*.
- The deadline for the winter issue is January 17th. This issue should be ready for distribution around February 1st.
- The distribution includes 540 residents and 25 former residents and local businesses by mail.
- Letters to the editor, photos and announcements are welcome. Please email, mail or call Lee.
- All volunteers are welcome! Please contact Lee to join in on the fun!!

Open Floor:

- Pam Sommerville announced that she and her business partner are opening a shop in the Stoneleigh shopping center. The shop will specialize in gifts and home accessories.
- Richard Blesser commented on the many community events and organizations that have become self sufficient over the past few years for example the Sharks and dinner dances.

- Chris Hansen expressed concern about traffic patterns/ behavior in the neighborhood particularly on the rise of Hatherleigh Rd. going towards York Rd. from Oxford Rd. Drivers are engaging in dangerous behavior, speeding up the hill head-on into eastbound traffic with no intent to yield. He will remind his driving teenager to drive cautiously in the neighborhood and asks all neighbors to do the same.
- Another neighbor brought up the bottleneck that occurs during rush hours at the intersection of Hatherleigh Rd. and York Rd. Maybe some investigation can be made into adding no left turn onto York From Hatherleigh?

Fred Stringfellow thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bissett Schwanke, 1.10.05.