Stonefield Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the December 2018 Board Meeting
December 6, 2018

1. **Attendees.**

Luke Francois, Dennis Cliff, Kristin Florin, Jonathan Ryan, Bill McCarthy, Doug Caruso, and Jeff Mattox.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda.**

The Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports were presented by Jonathan and Bill, respectively. A short discussion was held concerning each, including the costs and benefits of moving to a biannual budget going forward.. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, on motions by Dennis, with seconds by Kristin.

3. **Committee Reports.**

Welcome Committee:

Kristin presented the Welcome Committee update. An additional cache of Stonefield mugs were located, which should allow us to continue with the current new neighbor welcoming basket for another few months. Shopping bags with the Stonefield logo are the favored replacement gift, and those bags will run approximately $2/bag. Luke agreed to find electronic logos for use with potential bag vendors. Kristin also provided an update on food trucks. Vendors currently are reviewing potential permit requirements for a summer/fall event in the neighborhood. Generally vendors require a guaranteed minimum attendance of roughly ~100 neighbors to make the visit worthwhile. Finally, five new residents joined the neighborhood since the August meeting. Updates to the neighborhood database and Nextdoor residents list would be made shortly after the meeting.

Doug suggested that, in the spirit of “welcoming,” that new residents be granted SNA membership until the next membership renewal cycle. A motion to affect that idea was made by Jon, seconded by Bill, and passed with three Board votes. Dennis abstained.

4. **Communications.**

Luke received a number of communications from residents since the prior meeting. Among those discussed briefly were: (1) the updated website, which appears to be functioning and receiving positive neighborhood feedback; (2) questions from a new resident relating to limitations on fences; and (3) a SNA directory request from a resident on Rooster Run.

Luke also received communications from a number of residents concerning SNA’s role in making neighbors aware of the break-ins that were reported in late fall/early winter. Roughly three such incidents occurred in the neighborhood. Many residents were made aware of these incidents via Nextdoor, which many SNA members have joined. Some residents have not, however, so the Board discussed its role in notifying member residents of the concern when crimes occur in Stonefield.

Neighbors also asked about the SNA’s ability to assist with residents’ flooding concerns after the wet weather in August. Flooding occurred by Old Middleton Road, Gammon Road, Rooster Run, as well as along Woodgate Road after the City began pumping out Tiedeman’s Pond. Luke agreed to create a request for information among the affected or concerned residents to determine the extent of interest in the neighborhood.

5. **SNA Website.**

Luke presented a view of the proposed Stonefield.org website and associated Google Analytics. The site has received a fair amount of traffic. Feedback has generally been positive, and some requests for additional information have been received, among those being links to useful area resources such as the Middleton Times-Tribune.

**6. Social Events Follow Up.**

Luke reported that the Fall Frolic was attended by about 25 people. Unfortunately another fire pit disappeared after the event. The Board unanimously agreed to reimburse the resident whose pit was taken, on motion from Bill and second from Dennis. The Board also discussed new ideas for social events to draw new residents. Among the ideas discussed were a chili cookoff, or a spring-time event tying into the spring neighborhood cleanup.

In October the a neighborhood meeting was held to allow residents to hear about the then-upcoming school referendum. Todd Smith attended and spoke on behalf of the school planning committee. Only a few residents attended.

A motion was made to recognize the volunteers who did a wonderful job managing the 4th of July parade and neighborhood garage sale. The Board unanimously agreed to thank Judy Fard and Kendra Deja for their efforts with a small gift.

**8. Rooster Run Membership.**

The Board discussed the idea of allowing Stonefield Condominiums residents to participate in SNA. Adding these residents to the SNA would improve communication between the two groups – Stonfield Condominiums are represented by their own association. Such an addition would require a bylaw change.

**9. Other Business.**

The Board unanimously agreed to pay Brad Nordhaus $75 for repairs to the signage on Old Middleton Road, which would include mulch and flowers. Dennis moved for the payment, and Luke seconded the motion.

**10. Adjourn.**