

Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
Minutes of November 12, 2011
General Membership Meeting @ the home of Joseph May and Gene Graham
By, Joseph May

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Perry called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. In attendance were board members Barbara Maccarillo, Dean Nicastro, Robert Perry, Scott Kennedy, Bob Merliss and Joseph May and non-board members Dennis, Gene and Brian.

Financial Report

Dean reported that we have \$15,471.84 he added that he had a couple hundred dollars from the picnic that he still has to deposit.

Approval of Minutes

Joseph has not finished the minutes from the last meeting but will finish both last meeting's minutes and today's very soon.

Officer Reports

There were no officer reports.

2012 Homes Tour

- Home Selection So far we have four homes for the tour. We still need a Wexler home. Some of the selections were discussed. Brian, owner of the Wexler featured on our first tour, offered his home if we can't find another. He did mention that his home has been on several tours and overexposure might be a problem.
- Celebrity Speaker Robert said that he has a possibility for a celebrity speaker. We discussed the fact that to get a celebrity that an honorarium payment would likely have to be made. Robert made a motion that we approve an honorarium up to \$1,000 depending on who we might get. Barbara seconded the motion and it passed. This payment would be the absolute highest and would have to also cover travel and/or hotel expenses if they should be incurred. Robert will pursue this celebrity and let us know if they are available. The group unanimously approved of this particular celebrity if they were available. It was mentioned that Ron Oliver was also pursuing a celebrity as well. We need to firm this up ASAP so that if we do get a celebrity speaker we could put their name on any future publicity for the event.
- Postcards We still need to create and print postcards for the home tour. We will discuss this at the December meeting when we know who the celebrity speaker will be.
- Misc Home tour business
 - Joseph still needs to secure the school for our check-in center. Joseph said that he will work the check-in but needs at least two more people. In the past Ron, Eric and Donna also helped out here. Donna will be coordinating docents so it is not clear whether she will be able to work the check-in. Ron? Eric? Anyone?
 - M Modern Gallery is happy to have us back. Bob and Barbara are working on the reception. Bob requests that we get numbers of attendees to him in a timely manner so that he can order food and not have to change his order over and over like he had to last year. Bob and Barbara need help in setting up and breaking down. Joseph and Gene will be bartending.
 - Joseph will purchase 14 plastic chairs so that we can put two at each house for people to put booties on or to put their shoes one after going through the homes.
 - We need to check our supply of wristbands and booties. Barbara will look on-line to see if she can find inexpensive umbrellas to sell if it is raining.

Festival of Lights Parade Saturday night December 3rd. We will have our banner, Robert's vintage car covered in lights, and a balloon.

- Balloon Walkers: Scott, Steve, Gene have volunteered so far, **we need five more people**
- Banner Walkers: **We need two banner walkers**
- Vintage Car: Robert, Dennis, Lauren and Joseph have all agreed to ride in the car and look gorgeous.

Robert will let everyone know via e-mail where and what time we should all assemble. Barbara suggested we all go out after the parade for food and drink, Mangos? Blue Pear? Azul? Somewhere on our end of town? Let's party!!!

New Business/Projects/Q&A/Other

There was none

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10AM

Next board meeting will be held on December 9th at the home of Bob Merliss.

