

Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
02/16/2023

Opening

The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting was called to order at 7pm on 02/16/2023 at North Charleston Fire Department Station 8 by John Trinkl.

Present

From the sign-in sheets - **around 19 people and broadcasting on Archdale Radio**

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 11/17/2022 General Meeting were presented for approval. (Available online www.OurArchdale.com/aca)

- **Bob made a motion for approval and Chuck seconded - no discussion – voted and approved.**

Treasurer's Report

1. The Treasurer's year-to-date report will be presented. (Available as a handout at the registration table and online following the meeting)
 - a. **Profit and Loss and the Balance sheet were reviewed – no questions**
2. Membership Update – We have \$7,650 in memberships from 153 residents (19% participation) and \$425 in donations
 - a. **Down from last year this time**
 - b. **We have covered expenses so far this year**
 - c. **Some checks are not posted**
 - d. **A question – are all the street signs expenses out yet? No**
 - e. **Word of mouth, mailings, and emails are the three ways to collect for ACA**
 - f. **A second mailing will go out in April as reminder to all if not joined by then**
 - g. **As an incentive to join, Archdale Radio is donating \$50 gift cards for drawings of all who have paid by March 31 (pays to join)**
 - h. **How many people belong to the ACA Facebook group? There are 802 properties in Archdale, of that about 54% join ACA (433) and of that about 50% join Facebook (220).**
 - i. **Getting aggressive with the rentals companies and trying incentives. 10% of the house changed hands last year. To get new members to join, use website and Archdale radio. We also send a Welcome letter to new people and reach out to closing attorneys.**
 - j. **Someone suggested a "Thermometer-type" sign to show level of participation or a message on reader board about the incentives**

Old Business

1. Administrative Update – John Trinkl
 - a. All is going along well
2. Communications Update – Krista McCracken
 - a. Business as usual - **look at website**
 - b. www.OurArchdale.com
3. Volunteer and Events Announcements - Krista McCracken
 - a. Food Truck Thursdays returns April 6 - **finalizing desert trucks, savory trucks are set**
 - b. **Green space clean up - let us know if anything needs extra work**
 - c. **ACA can certify volunteer hours for students**
4. Sign Committee Update – Marty Bescancon
 - a. **Two years project, and lots of people and emails. Thank you community for providing the resources**
 - b. **32 of the 72 posts are installed**
 - c. **Brackets and signs - can come help put up signs**
 - d. **Stop signs and posts needs cleaning up**
 - e. **Please look at emails and what you can do to help**
 - f. **The holes drilled in post provide breakaway for safety in case of a car accidents**
 - g. **Maintenance program for everything to look nice**
 - h. **Post protectors installed for weedwhackers**
 - i. **Some dirt is removed from old posts and will be used to fill the holes when old wood street signs are removed**
 - j. **Tim Schnaible is the contractor putting new posts and has fence business**
 - k. **Website has any day any time project - no schedule needed go do it and we say thank you!**
5. Neighborhood Update – John Trinkl
 - a. Dorchester County continues to respond to potholes, code violations and such - **send pictures and information, we will forward or let you know who to contact**
 - b. The County is repairing a collapsed drain pipe near 236 Knightsbridge- **will be digging for new pipe**
 - c. Entrance area to Archdale and State work:
 - i. **the curve is gone for safe passage for wheelchair and new pavement**
 - ii. **The curve belonged to the county, not ACA**
 - iii. **The contractor will reseed and restoring the side, but John put out rye seed for now**
 - iv. **The loops are not working, and contractor has till April to finish**
6. Neighborhood Watch
 - a. First meeting of year likely in April/May **first meeting in April**

New Business

1. At the 11/28/2022 ACA Board meeting, the following officers were voted in: **In new bylaws, the general meeting elects the board members, and the board members elect the officers.**

Nominations for officers were requested and received. Marty made a motion to approve, seconded by Joe and voting was unanimous

- a. President- **John Trinkl**
 - b. Vice President- **Krista McCracken**
 - c. Secretary- **Rhonda Sweatman**
 - d. Treasurer- **Cindy Varnado**
2. **Green spaces - let us know if you see something that needs assistance**
 - a. **Dorchester County sold the green spaces at tax sales then people bought these areas. Some people keep the areas up and some don't**
 - b. **Drainage ditches, back in day prison workers kept the areas cleaned out, but today Dorchester County is only responsible to be sure the ditch drains**
 - c. **Blvd is owned by the County, but we maintain the grass because it affects the property values**
 - d. **If you know of a neighbor who is in bad health and needs help, let us know**
 - e. **Some houses are in foreclosure, takes a while to get resolved**
 - f. **House with big tarp on Palmetto Bluff – supposedly the church will help, and insurance will pay but nothing done. Potty out front - may have been from the piping project – John to follow up with County**
 - g. **Knightsbridge hole and cones- six months later pipes show up**
 - h. **If a home-based business impact your neighbors, there are ordinances prohibiting this and you should contact Dorchester County**

Public Comments

- Chuck said Marty is the best leader and thank you for your leadership for the sign project and support of your husband

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm by John Trinkl. The next general meeting will be at 7PM on 5/18/23, in the meeting room at NCFD Station 8.

Minutes submitted by: **Rhonda Sweatman**

Approved by: John Trinkl