

Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting
Minutes
11/16/2023

Opening

The Archdale Civic Association / General Meeting will be called to order at 7:05 pm on 11/16/2023 at North Charleston Fire Department Station 8 by Krista McCracken.

Present From the sign-in sheets 15 people

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 08/17/2023 General Meeting will be presented for approval. (Available online www.OurArchdale.com/aca) and two hard copies brought for review by secretary- motion to **approve- Diane Linker second Ted Hucks any discussion- none all in favor- none opposed- 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. **balance sheet at last meeting move to interest bearing account- will do next year**
 - b. **negative balance is for prepaid accounts for next year and undeposited funds were not put in before end of month will roll over.**
 - c. **total cash 43,390.04**
 - d. **assets are the same.**
 - e. **net income for year is negative 4,450 from membership to what we spent.**
 - f. **on the P&L from January to October 2023 against the budget which the budget has us up 2,725 and the street signs pushed us over the budget some.**
 - g. **By end of year I expect us to be pretty much right on budget which was off by a few hundred dollars**
 - h. **The last page is the new budget for new business**
2. Membership Update: Membership for 2023 totaled:
 - a. **Any questions-
Where did we end up on membership?
Our memberships were \$21,050 divided by 50 from neighborhood and it was a little short of that but made up in donations towards the general budget.**

Any questions or comments... none

Vice President update

Old Business

1. Administrative/Neighborhood Update – Krista McCracken-
With John stepping down early the board had to pick up and divide the workload focused on the priorities
 - a. Preparations for 2024—ACA Board discussed roles and responsibilities in preparation for new Board members and current officers who are stepping down (Vice President, Treasurer)
Shift in officers anticipated for 2024

b. 112 Mansfield is officially in foreclosure. ACA Board is communicating with bank to request immediate property cleanup. **Bank to handle now**

c. Reader Board signs repairs are complete. **Termite damage repaired by Marti and Charles - thank you**

d. Website Business & Services listing update—comments received and addressed. The Board will develop the page when there is internal capacity.

The idea was to generate income and provide the community with neighbor owned businesses

This needs attention and will be up and running when the board is able to provide the operating time and support for the idea

2. Volunteer and Events Announcements – Marty, Krista

a. Community Yard Sale Debrief **Marty**

first yard sale

20 participants

Permanent sign made for next year

Rained no reschedule.

\$10 for members and \$20 for non-members

Advertise online by Krista

Intent to do yearly

b. Parade and Festive Food Truck Thursday updates

i. Festive Food Truck Thursday 12/14

issues of food trucks cancelling or leaving early due to lack of participation

next year the food trucks will be once a month

Will have food truck for Festive Food Truck Dec 12-14-2023

ii. No parade this year

no bike or golf cart parade

no interest in the time consuming for organizing and coordination of the pink fire truck or a broom car and police escort

put on agenda for 2024??

c. Green space mapping and photo inventory in preparation for developing options to improve/beautify Archdale green spaces

Marty- Santa for festive Food truck- not at this time- will have music- look at buying a suit after season- Archdale Radio- not responding.

Green space landscaping- every little area -taking pictures – talk with Marty and will use Krista's map provided by coworker.

2. Neighborhood Watch – nothing to report-

No meetings scheduled because due to work schedule changes with current coordinator.

a. New coordinator may be needed

maybe someone would like to be new coordinator

New Business

1. FY2024 ACA annual budget presented for approval

Last page is the proposed budget with the same property owners as last year

Copy pasted from last year and lowered some expenses based on what we did not spend on the common spaces

like tree removal or stump grinding but may or may not need next year (dropped to \$600 from \$1200)

same with sign and repairs (it's about \$200 a sign for repairs, gave \$600)

also, weeds and spraying and general clean up done yearly – volunteered so money not spent

expense-electric bill – goes up about \$3 a year

expense-postage and post office box and taxes and insurance

expense- bank processing fees by option to pay online improves participation

expense – software and account for taxes and website fees

expense for community events

depreciation expense for assets - fixed

If we stick to budget- slightly ahead at \$448

Did not update the landscaping cost- must discuss -came back with an increase for next year- no decisions yet-

That's the budget- at large bid back with John Trinkl two years ago- if change company, with need to talk- and we do hold accountable and license and bonded.

The company does pick up the leaves said Rhonda, but Ted and Marty rebutted comment – Rhonda said she will follow up with company about the leaves being picked up.

Back to budget instead of landscaping duties per Cindy-

Any questions, Cindy will answer about the budget- none

Krista asked for Motion to accept proposed budget for 2024- Diane Linker- first- and second- Joe Friend- any further discussion- all in favor- none opposed- approved.

2. 2024 ACA General Meeting dates will be on Thursday 2/15, 5/16, 8/15 and 11/14 at the fire station.

Joe Friend will reach out to establish these dates at the Fire Department

Rhonda will resend the contact

Ted wants aheads up

Marty wants any equipment to use at ACA meeting

Elections:

1. The slate of Board Members, including 2 nominees, is presented below. Any further nominations from the floor?

New Bylaws- state the general will vote for slate of members for board and the board will vote the officers

2. 2024 ACA slate of candidates: **slate read by Krista**

Rhonda Sweatman – Current Board Member

Cindy Varnado -- Current Board Member

Marty Besancon – Current Board Member

Ted Hucks – Current Board Member

Joseph Head – Current Board Member

Joe Friend - Current Board Member

Ellis Axson – New Board Member

Angelika Dorsch-Bruckner – New Board Member

Krista called for motion to accept the slate of board members. First motion Joe Friend and Second by Joe Head -any discussion- when will you announce? On Facebook in January 2024. All in favor- none opposed- congratulations-

Public Comments

Mansfield- bank now owns- and Bank responsible for cleaning up- Krista gave papers to Rhonda- unsure about the foreclosure processes. All legal information needs to be handled by the bank, not the ACA. Public will have to look up the property on the public website.

Neighborhood watch- what kind of report for crime in Archdale, the report was very small for our community-we do have a sheriff for our community and put in newsletter. Name on website ourarchdale.com for Neighborhood watch.

Find who owns which homes on GIS website for Dorchester County. Able to write to the owner about issues.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **7:42 pm** by Krista McCracken. The next general meeting will be at 7PM on 2-15-2024

Minutes submitted by: **Rhonda Sweatman**

Approved by: Name