

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes
March 2023 - Approved 04/11/2023

1. Attendance - Leslie Caruso, Rachael Dorothy, Alan Miroslaw, Mary Ann Ogle, Chris Rule, Will Pearce. Will wrote the minutes in Tim's absence.
2. Review/Approve prior month's minutes - Mary Ann motion, Rachael second, passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report - Adam sent an e-mail with the YTD P&L prior to the meeting for the agenda topics:
 - a) Fund Balances, revenues, expenses, invoices -
- There has been little activity to date, with the only expenses being for the Courier (\$644), and the magnets/postage (\$1,044.68). The Checking balance is \$12,552 and the Savings balance is \$3,500.
 - b) 2023 Ads and Sponsorships -
- Although we are losing 3 ads this year, with our modest price increases, retaining our largest-size advertisers, and our generous sponsors, we will cover the loss of the three ads. And overall, our advertisers are remitting their payments earlier than last year.
4. Courier #2 for 2023 - Mid March?
 - a) Chris reviewed the schedule and content for this Courier. Rachael has provided a garage sale article and Leslie will provide the President's article by this weekend. To date, no one has nominated another neighbor to interview for an article.
 - b) Accordingly, Chris will be e-mailing Kate that the Courier may be ready for her final editing by sometime next week.
5. 2023 CHCA Scholarship Applications – Leslie will ask Tim if he has received any scholarship applications via the CHCA e-mail address. Also, we will need to check the P.O. Box after the deadline for anyone who mailed their application. The applications will be reviewed and awards determined, during the April meeting.
6. Upcoming Events
 - a) Easter Egg Hunt Event – Kathi and Rachael!!
Rachael reported that Kathi is taking care of everything, including purchasing all the eggs and gift basket items. Rachael verified that the costume is in the storage room. The egg stuffing is March 25, which Alan will publicize via a FB Event.
 - b) 4th of July Event - Chris reported that his wife Amanda will be leading a group of Park Overlook neighbors who will be meeting with Jenny Kendall this weekend to begin detail planning and tasks execution. Will noted that he had archived Jenny's 2019 Excel spreadsheet project plan in the website's CHCA Administrative Documents 7000-Events Plan area, for download as a starting point for the group's discussion, and that this spreadsheet has multiple workbooks, which taken together seem to specify every aspect of the event.
7. Group picture of the CHCA Officers - Attendees Permitting - deferred to a subsequent meeting due to not all officers attending.
8. Other Business -
 - a) Selby Flag Pole and Flags
- In February a resident contacted the CHCA via our e-mail address with a

detailed request that the CHCA (rather than the resident himself or a group of individual residents) be involved in submitting a Neighborhood and Community Development Seed Grant application to the City, to provide for continuously using the Selby flag pole to the west of the shelter house. The resident suggested for instance, that the U.S. flag could be flown at the top, with other flags for other causes rotated in for monthly display, such as for example: Feb - Pan African Flag (Black History Month); April - Autism Awareness Flag (Autism Awareness Month); May - POW/MIA Flag (For Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month); June - LGBT Pride Flag (Pride Month).

- Meeting discussion: The CHCA's Ohio Charter as a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization expressly prohibits the CHCA's engaging in political activity. Flying any flag is an inherent political statement; it is an individual's choice as to whether or not to consider flying a given flag on their property as a patriotic act or as a statement of values. Furthermore, all of Selby Park, including the shelter house and the flag pole, are the property of the City; as a governmental entity, the City can choose to fly the U.S. flag and any others, from time to time, and the City has the expertise to display flags, especially the U.S. flag, with proper flag protocol. In the past, the only time the flag pole was used was when the flag was properly raised, flown, and lowered for some 4th of July Selby Park celebrations by a Boy Scout Troup, under City supervision. On the other hand, an infamous example of non-governmental displays of flags in Selby Park can be reviewed in the Colonial Hills Facebook archives from 7/4/2020.

- The motion was made to request Leslie to advise the resident to submit their request to the City as an individual or group of individuals, requesting that the City consider using the flag pole in this manner as a task performed by a City Department. Motion was seconded, and unanimously approved.

b) Welcome Wagon Update

- Leslie will be dropping off after the meeting to Heather for her use as the Welcome Wagon Organizer, the extra magnets and January Couriers, along with a supply of gift bags the cost of which Leslie donated to the CHCA.

9. Public Comments

- a) Trustee Dinner – We unanimously agreed to hold the Trustee Dinner at Dewey's again this year. Mary Ann volunteered to coordinate, including asking Dewey's if they might consider a price reduction as a sponsor for the event. Will is to prepare the postcards to notify the Trustees, in addition to an e-mail message. Leslie will write the notification letter to the Trustees.
- b) Membership Dues - We hand out the membership dues packets to the Trustees at the dinner. Mary Ann suggested a Courier article asking residents to give their information to their Trustee, for use in updating the spreadsheet that the Treasurer maintains for who paid their dues. Chris suggested making dues collection a contest, for instance, a winning street or section of a street, such as a District, with the highest dollar amount collected or the highest percentage of residents who paid their dues, with the winning street /District to be treated to a block party.
- c) Will gave an update on the general design for the crowd-sourced online Colonial Hills Residents Directory, targeted for implementation by the end of 2023.

10. Adjourn - Mary Ann motion, Chris second.