



# **Hickory Withe Community Association**

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**March 7, 2013 Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Hickory Withe, TN**

- President George McCloud called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Munns.
- Elected officials present were Joann Allen and Terry Leggett.
- Guests and elected officials were invited to open the food line.
- Total attendance was 52.

## **Reports:**

### **Secretary's Report:** Donna Gay-Wainscott

A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting was made by Joann Allen and seconded by Ed Melton. The motion passed thereby approving the minutes. Members were reminded to update their e-mail address and contact information when they pay their membership dues for 2013. Changes/corrections can also be made by e-mailing the secretary at: [secretary@hickorywithe.com](mailto:secretary@hickorywithe.com).

### **Treasurer's Report:** Ed Patnode.

The checking account balance is \$13,631.44. The balance of the CD at the Clayton Bank is \$50,491.03. Combined balance of funds is \$64,122.47. Ed reported that he had gotten a check from the interest on the CD for \$1200 to donate to the First Baptist Church Hickory Withe for the use of the facility for one year. The membership was reminded that the church does not charge the HWCA for use of the building but that we make a donation to help cover the cost of the utilities and to show appreciation to them. Several members had questions regarding why there was a need to pay a penalty for getting into the money in the CD when the funds were available in the checking account. Becky Sue Evans suggested that, in the future, if funds from that account are to be used that we wait until the CD matures and take the money out at the time to avoid paying a penalty.

President George McCloud brought up an issue that had been discussed at the February meeting concerning whether or not both accounts were under the rules and regulations of a 501(c)3 organization. He stated that Sandi Leggett had contacted accountant Bob Doll regarding the status of the HWCA accounts. Sandi relayed the information from Bob Doll as follows: In order to accept the money from the Home Builder's Association, the HWCA had to become a 501(c)3 organization. Bob is the accountant that originally set up the corporation. He said that since we did not apply for a separate corporation, both the Home Builders Association money (in the CD) and the checking account are under the rules and regulations of the same 501(c)3 organization. President McCloud stated that he had contacted the accountant prior to Sandi and that he had been given information to the contrary. George stated that he was told that the money in the CD was under the rules and regulations of the 501(c)3 organization and that the money in the checking account was acquired through dues and other contributions and was a separate entity and not subject to those same rules

and regulations. George further stated that the HWCA files the required state and federal reports each year and that they don't ask what we do with the money.

A motion was made by Terry Leggett and seconded by Carol Johnson to donate \$100 to the Imagination Library in Memory of Robert Turpen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Benevolence Committee:** Tom Nelson—no report.

**Hospitality:** Marilyn Kain and committee did a beautiful job of creating a spring-like atmosphere by using multicolored pastel tablecloths, fresh cut spring flower bouquets, Easter wreaths, and chocolate Easter eggs. Thanks to Joe Moore for setting up the tables for our meeting.

**Business:**

**By-Laws:** Jim Gallagher, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, stated that this was the second and final discussion and vote on the revised by-laws. He reminded the membership that if accepted, these new by-laws would totally replace any existing by-laws. He asked for discussion. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Rudy Watkins to adopt the revised bylaws. This motion was seconded by Tom Nelson and passed with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Rudy Watkins and seconded by Tom Nelson regarding Article 8 --the dates of our monthly meetings. His motion stated that we have a standing rule that the HWCA will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month unless otherwise voted on by the membership. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Speaker:** Jerry Ray, Chief of the Fayette County Fire Department, shared information regarding free smoke detectors that are available to the citizens of Fayette County. He has currently distributed all the ones that were on hand but will be getting more. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for one, Chief Ray stated that you may call his office at 466-7130. The Fayette County Fire Department currently has 170 Volunteer Firemen and is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the state of Tennessee on the number of hours of Academy Training. He discussed the "Learn Not To Burn" program that they started to target Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in Fayette County. Call Chief Ray if you have a group or organization that you would like for him to share information regarding this program. He shared information about a device on the market to help fight fires—the DSPA. When deployed, it helps to lower the temperature and extinguish fires quickly thus making it easier for the firefighters to get into a building to prevent secondary fires. Thank you, Chief Ray, for reminding us how fortunate we are to have such a great organization working to protect the citizens of Fayette County.

**Announcements:**

Joann Allen made an announcement regarding an upcoming event by the ASPCA. They will kick off the campaign to raise money for a new animal shelter for Fayette County. The event will be held at Oakland City Hall on March 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. The State Directors of the Humane Society and of the ASPCA will be there. The event hopes to increase community awareness about the need for support for this new facility.

**Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013. The association will provide the meat (ham/turkey or chicken) for our Easter feast. Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

Door prizes were distributed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Gay-Wainscott, Secretary  
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