

Hickory Withe Community Association Minutes January 7, 2016

The Hickory Withe Community Association met on Thursday, January 7th. President Bob Munns opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Elected officials and guests were recognized. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal.

President Munns called the meeting to order and received reports from committees. Becky Sue Evans, gave the Treasurer's report which was approved. A proposed budget for 2016 was approved. The minutes from December were also approved.

President Munns introduced our speaker, Doug Swink, president and owner of Renaissance Reality Co. Doug introduced the newest members to his team at Renaissance, Keith, Nick and Sherri Morris who were in attendance. Doug gave an interesting presentation regarding development in the area. Of special interest were two "Active Adult" communities to be build in the Hickory Withe area, one on Highway 64 east of the Exxon and one on Hwy 196 north of the Cloisters. These developments will focus on communities and will have smaller lots.

A report on the status of the interchange at 196 and I40 revealed that the engineering design had been done and \$600,000 worth of damage assessment to the environment had been paid. There are 13 projects on TDOT's list and this one is number 13 but it is also the least expensive at 9 million so that may give us a chance of being moved up. We should know by April of this year.

Mr. Swink informed us that the St Jude home will once again be in Hickory Withe this year along with the Vesta Home Show which will be in Ainsley Manor. Our association has been given the right of first refusal to be the designated charity of this event. We would receive \$1 for each ticket sold and it will be held during the month of October. We would have to supply the volunteers to man the event with parking assistance, ticket sales, etc. for 3 shifts each day during the event schedule. We would also attend the special preview party prior to the event opening and they would welcome our ideas on how to bring people out, have a special Hickory Withe night, etc. The association was very appreciative of this consideration and will let them know asap.

Announcements:

Jane Mitchell gave information on this year's Relay for Life, May 20th, 6:00-11:00 at the Buckley Carpenter School. She encouraged everyone to be involved in some way.

Jane also reported that she had visited Tom Nelson and encouraged others to go and see him as he was glad to have the company.

An update was given on Susan Holley as well.

Sylvan Myer had placed an election schedule on each table as there will be three this year. Anyone interested in working the polls at election time should contact him.

Kathy Kenney from the Fayette County Animal Control and Shelter group gave a brief outline of the mission of their group which was to ultimately have a new animal shelter built in Fayette County as the present one was not acceptable. The group works closely with animal control to place adoptable animals that are picked up and help reduce the number of animals being euthanized. The group is having a Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 23rd at the Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church on Donelson Rd. from 8:00 - 10:30. All were encouraged to come and support this effort.

Table decorations tonight were provided by Somer Oak Assisted Living in Somerville and they were lovey.

Next month's meeting will be held on Feb. 4th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

_____ **Joann Allen, Secretary**