

Minutes of the Membership Meeting of the TCA Wednesday, February 23, 2022

The Membership Meeting of the Tantallon Citizens Association commenced at 7:05 PM

President Carter Ferrington reminded everyone to please speak one at a time and to raise a hand to indicate a wish to speak.

Carter announced the name of the newest member of the Tantallon Control committee, Montana Anderson of Monterey Circle.

Carter brought up the issue of choosing a name for the new school now in the process of being built. A few suggestions are (1) Colin Powell K-8, (2) Fort Washington K-8, & (3) Tantallon K-8.

Carter next gave Ron Weiss's report as Ron was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

The following are the issues Ron intended to report on:

WEBSITE: TCA Website is now updated with current newsletter and Ads

Tantallon Blog now has links at the top to related websites

Tantallon Infrastructure Working Group Blog now has a link on right side to the County Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Workgroup Webpage.

SAFETY & SECURITY: The violence in our area has been on MD 210. There have been 4 fatal accidents on or near 210 already this year. Please obey speed limits and stay focused on driving.

Drivers are speeding in our community as well. We have "Please Slow Down, We Live Here" signs on loan from the County. If you live near a Tantallon entrance or have chronic speeding, contact Ron for a set of two signs.

Property crime continues to be a problem in our area. Theft from auto and shed break-ins have been reported for last several crime reports. The Citizens Advisory Council Blog, tinyurl.com/Division7-CAC, has current crime report and tips on how to avoid being a victim of crime.

TANTALLON FLOODING & INFRASTRUCTURE:

A community-wide Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Community (virtual) Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 7-8:30 PM. We will ask for questions to be submitted in advance and more information will be forthcoming. Meanwhile, please fill out the flooding survey included in the current TCA Newsletter.

KEITH WEST next gave the Financial Report which he put up on the screen. We all have copies of the report as well. Keith said we have 188 paid members, approximately 50 less than last TCA Fiscal Year (September 2020-August 2021).

ROSEMARY WELLER next gave the Newsletter Report. The newsletter is currently in delivery mode. She stressed the need for news as always.

JUDY HENRY next gave the Beautification Report. She announced 2 cleanup dates, March 5, and April 2

SHARON MAYS JACKS & TROY FORD next gave the Membership/Activities Report. Troy has been collecting the signs which have been displayed around the neighborhood. Sharon has asked for suggestions regarding future activities. There has been a suggestion for a new & updated community directory. A person with good computer & technology skills would be very helpful in compiling such a directory. Mary Downs suggested finding out if there is a strong interest in having a community directory. Sharon talked about the Welcome Folder which will be delivered hopefully when the weather improves. There will be a need for volunteers to deliver these folders. A suggestion was made to please share email addresses via the Tantallon Website. A question was asked regarding doing another Easter Walk this year. Carter is considering doing this again for the kids.

Carter mentioned that he is looking for more TCC members prior to the Control Committee Report

EDWARD AKSELRAD next gave the TCC Report. There is an issue on Candlelight Circle with a boat trailer that needs to be removed from driveway.

Troy had a question regarding a rental house on W. Tantallon Dr. & Surrey Circle Dr., which seems to be an ongoing issue.

Regarding the "famous" house across the street from Judy Henry, Judy reported that other than spotting a truck in the driveway, there has been no activity going on there for quite some time. DiLara El Assad mentioned that she had a meeting with the owner recently, but nothing substantial has been resolved.

A few issues were mentioned during the meeting, i.e., flooding, future meeting places for our 4x a year meetings, etc. It seems that Breath of Life Church will not be able to accommodate us at their site due to Church Meetings scheduled for Wednesday evenings. Also, advertising our meetings was mentioned. We need better signage, and it was suggested that we could send out e-mails about the meetings, which might work better. Jacquie Webb suggested that TCA could get a Facebook page.

There was a suggestion made for getting speakers for our meetings. For example, we could get the new Board of Education Rep who was supposedly appointed. That person could address some of the new school issues. Unfortunately, no one knows the name of this person.

DiLara ElAssad spoke of the importance of being Non-Political. Therefore, we should have speakers who focus on the issues, rather than on politics.

Keith West spoke about the wall at St Andrews Drive East and the need to repair this wall. We got 3 bids to paint the wall, repair cracks and replace lights with solar lights. The total cost is \$2,537.50. A motion was made to go forward with the proposal. No one opposed the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Zuker-Akselrad

Recording Secretary