

**Austin Lake Homeowners Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2023**

**Officers in Attendance:**

President: Chris Foss  
Secretary: Susan Smith  
Treasurer: Scott Silverstein  
Grounds: Leanne Allen

**Absent:**

Vice President: Ruth Zimmerman  
Social: Marie Stockton  
Architecture: Ryan Flanagan

**Call to Order**

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Board Member Reports:**

**Leanne (Grounds)**

- Our four new gates to the pool and recreation areas will be installed Thursday, September 15. After the installation, the gates will be card activated. Residents who are in good standing will be able to access these areas with the cards that were previously distributed. Those who are not in good standing will have their cards deactivated.
  
- A resident contacted board members expressing his concerns about the lake, asking the board for help in clearing the debris and in contacting the city about the condition of the lake, which is suffering due to runoff from South Cobb Drive. The board discussed several responses to this communication, such as asking our lake company to lower the lake's water level so that debris can be cleaned out, and empowering the lake committee and its chair to meet with our city councilman (and perhaps his opponent) to discuss city-funded remediation.

**Ryan (Architecture)**

- In his absence Ryan sent a report notifying the board that the ALHOA Architectural Standards and Bylaws, Article 12, "provides a good baseline for actions to be taken and is applied to any of the preceding articles." The board agreed that this more general description of the HOA's response to covenant violations is sufficient authorization for penalties, and that the more specific schedule of timelines and fees that was

previously presented to the board be used as a suggested response to violations, giving the board and the committee more discretion in levying fines or penalties.

- One architectural request was submitted this month; approval is contingent on the homeowner sending the completed request form for ACC review.

### **Secretary (Susan)**

It was agreed that neighborhood input is important in guiding the board's future plans for our amenities, and that a survey be sent out seeking residents' priorities for the coming year.

### **Social (Marie)**

In her absence, Marie sent in her report:

#### **Clubhouse rentals**

- 9 rentals through August
- 3 upcoming rentals through early September

#### **Halloween**

- An invite on or around the 2nd week in October will be sent out for 10/31 for the pizza and parade.

#### **Progressive Dinner**

- Set for 12/9
- Catering details are being finalized. The previous contact at the catering company is no longer with Soiree. The new contact is very responsive.
- As a reminder, we will be doing 2 appetizer homes this year instead of apps and entree to make it easier on host homes. We are also looking at incorporating a salad and a few other "heavy" hor d'oeuvres that still work unseated/without needing a knife or place setting.
- Save the date and request for host homes to go out this week.
- Actual invite will go out early November (11/4 last year)

The board approved the draft email announcing the party, and agreed upon the fee of 25 dollars apiece for residents attending.

### **Scott (Treasurer)**

The treasurer's report was sent to board members prior to our meeting and was approved. It will be posted on our website and distributed via email to our residents.

**Chris (President)**

It was agreed that the city be contacted about drawing lines for parking lot spaces at the clubhouse.

At the end of the meeting, it came to our attention that there was a leak in the storage room from the pool equipment. The pool pump had failed. The pool company was contacted, and a quote of \$3k was given. The board approved this expense.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 at the clubhouse**