

## **March 22, 2016 Board Meeting and Member Meeting Minutes** **Totem Falls Elementary Library, 7 pm**

Members Signed In

Members present: Bob Roush, Chris Birchman, Sean Dwyer, Ric Newgard, Ken Krause, Susan Ridley, Rick Keyes, Jan Thijssen, Tricia Cooke, Michele and John Weber, Heidi Johnson, Sam Grant, Alan Sorenson, Keri Newby, Denae Bastian, Michelle Haneberg, and Ben Blankenship.

Guests: Mike Collins and son of Heidi Johnson

**Meeting Called to Order** and Members Welcomed by Denae Bastian

Quorum met: all three board members were present, so the board meeting was able to proceed.

Motion to Approve January Meeting Minutes: Michelle Haneberg made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes for January 5, 2016. We did not reach quorum at our February attempt at an annual meeting, so there are no official meeting minutes to approve. However, notes were taken by the board and emailed to members for whom we have email addresses, and they were also posted on the website as were the January meeting minutes.

Seconded: Ben Blankenship

Vote: All in favor

Financial Report given by Ben Blankenship:

(Only 11 of 310 have not yet made a payment or a payment plan)

Operating Budget Balance: \$86,897.36

Reserve Allocation Total: \$3200.32

January and February Expenses:

Archey's Landscape Monthly Maintenance: \$3832.50, \$3996.75 for December and January services

Landscaping Extras: \$1,752.00 (bark for Snohomish Cascade Drive)

Silver Lake Water: \$182.40

Supplies: (Postage, Printing, etc.) \$510.32

Aynax: \$19.90

Website Renewal: \$15.99 (for the year)

Transfer from Reserve Account to Operating Budget: \$2000.00 on Jan 5, 2016

Transfer to Reserves: \$100.00

Nice View Fence: Construction and Repair - \$2,801.12

Motion made by Michelle Haneberg to approve payment arrangements for those members discussed in executive session

Seconded: Denae Bastian  
Vote: All in favor

Motion by Michelle Haneberg to have an Executive Session prior to the next board meeting to discuss private matters relating to individual members.

Seconded: Ben Blankenship  
Vote: All in favor

Next Vote Meeting: Denae Bastian explained that the proxies for bringing down the percentage of votes needed to amend our governing documents expire on July 1, 2016, and our goal is to get 233 yes votes before that date and in time to hold a special meeting where we can process the votes. Hence, we are working hard to gather more proxy statements from our members. We want to thank all members who have already turned theirs in, and encourage those who haven't to do so.

Archey's Landscape New Contract: Denae Bastian moved that the board approve a three year contract with David Archey from Archey's Landscape. Denae Bastian informed members that Archey's Landscape Team has continued to work hard and we want to keep them working for us. They have earned our admiration and respect as hard workers that do their best with a good attitude. We really appreciate their attention to detail.

Seconded: Michelle Haneberg  
Vote: All in favor

**Board Meeting Adjourned** by Denae Bastian at 7:15 pm. Denae then announced the shift to the Annual Meeting of the Members.

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**Annual Meeting of the Members Called to Order** by Denae Bastian at 7:15 pm

Announcement made that Quorum was met by Denae Bastian as the board had over 106 proxy statements, so we reached quorum and the meeting could continue.

Additional Proxy Statements from other members: Additional proxy statements were collected from non-board members who were acting as proxy for others.

Counting of Votes: Chris Birchman and Rick Keyes were asked to count the proxy statements while members present filled out their ballots. The completed ballots were then given to Chris and Rick to include in the tally.

Accomplishments for 2015: While the votes were being counted, Ben Blankenship reviewed the list of accomplishments for 2015. These will be posted on the website along with the minutes at <http://www.thefalls-schoa.com/hoa-docs/meeting-notes/>.

An Update on the Revision Team was given by Tricia Cooke. We do need your proxy statements so the work will be of value and we can have governing documents that are current, relevant and in compliance with each other and state statute.

Results of Voting Announced: Chris Birchman announced the results. We had a total of 131 proxy statements and ballots turned in. The budget was ratified by 126 members, one member was against, three abstained and one did not mark their preference. Susan Ridley was voted in as a new board member by 120 votes in her favor. Two votes were for Bob Cooke and one vote was for Andrew Harper and eight people did not mark this section.

Susan Ridley was introduced as our new board member: Susan Ridley was given time to introduce herself and to tell the members some of her goals. Thank you Susan for being willing to come on board!

A Waterfall Update was given to members by Michelle Haneberg since we have had recent trouble with the waterfall and discovered that it is in need of repair again. She asked members to consider how much time and money goes into maintaining this feature and to consider the frequency of kids soaping the pond which at times creates a very dangerous situation. The soap is also damaging to the pump and other parts involved and may hurt the plants. She asked members to think about whether we should keep putting money into the pond and waterfall. Bob Roush indicated that if more rocks were put in the bottom of the pond there would be less foam when the pond is soaped. There are a large number of rocks there now. Bob will meet with Larry Gourlie and work on a solution to the current problem with the waterfall. It seems to be electrical as well as mechanical.

Future Meeting Dates: Ben Blankenship announced that we will not holding a meeting in April secondary to Spring Break, so our next board meeting will be in May. Please watch the website for upcoming meeting dates.

Meeting Conclusion: Denae Bastian thanked everyone for coming and encouraged members who wished to talk more or ask questions to stay and visit with the board after the adjournment of the meeting. She also thanked all those who have volunteered in one way or another to help our association with its projects and goals. The board really appreciates the involvement of so many. Thank you!

**Annual Member Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm**

**Thank you to all who participated in person and by proxy at this meeting!**

**Also, a special thank you to Rick Keyes and Chris Birchman for counting the votes for us at the meeting.**