

Minutes of the 2023 SMCA Annual Meeting

June 22, 2023 7:30pm

The Annual Meeting of the Stonewall Manor Community Association (SMCA) was convened on Thursday, June 22, 2023. The meeting was held virtually through the Zoom™ online meeting platform.

Vice President Lidian Shark called the meeting to order at 7:35pm after observing that a quorum was present. President Kathy Farley was not able to be present because of a previous work commitment.

Vice President Shark presented the slate of nominees for new SMCA officers: for President, Philip Eskeland; for Vice President, Lidian Shark; for Treasurer, Robin Depaoli; and for Secretary, Oliver Wei. Vice President Shark asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made to elect the four nominees. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Treasurer Nancy Pugh then presented her budget report. Ms. Pugh reported that more than 70 percent of households in the community paid their dues and are members in good standing. She also informed the membership that the Board at their last monthly meeting voted to freeze biennial dues at \$30 for the upcoming payment cycle. Both Ms. Pugh and incoming Treasurer Robin Depaoli presented and discussed the proposed 2023/24 budget. They developed this budget to support planned activities for the upcoming two years. They also noted that spending is generally consistent with prior years.

Incoming SMCA President Philip Eskeland noted the activities supported by the Board this past year and thanked all those who made these possible including the finalization of the 3-year trash collection contract with Champion Services; selection of a new manager for the SMCA Trash Fund, Ms. Tatiana Glennie; successful transition to the quarterly publication of the SMCA Communiqué; food drive; welcome bags; yard sale; and financial contribution for the Stonewall Manor Garden Society to maintain the greenery at the front entrance walls.

Ms. Glennie then discussed the benefits of the trash services contract to include lower prices because of greater purchasing power, more service options (once or twice weekly pick-up service), reliability, and more choices for customers on how to pay their trash service bill. Ms. Glennie also mentioned that those in the neighborhood who choose other trash removal providers benefit from lower prices because the other trash services charge less for their Stonewall Manor customers than other nearby neighborhoods due to SMCA's competitive contract with Champion. The neighborhood also benefits from having fewer trash trucks coming through the community, thus lowering noise levels, and boosting safety.

Mr. Eskeland highlighted plans and priorities from the Board for the coming year such as the collection of biennial dues; publication of a new, updated neighborhood directory; rejoining local

government advisory councils; hosting a community-wide 60th anniversary celebration; liaising with the McLean District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department; and continuing regular activities (cooperation with Garden Society, managing the SMCA Trash Fund, welcome bags, year-end luminaries, and annual yard sale). There was an appeal for additional volunteers to serve in various capacities.

After answering all questions posed by the members, Mr. Eskeland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, which was seconded and passed.