

Minutes of a General Meeting of the
Merriman Park Estates Club
January 26, 2015

A general meeting of the Merriman Park Estates Club, a Texas corporation (the "**Club**"), was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2015 at Merriman Park Elementary in Dallas, Texas.

Board Members In Attendance:

David Dunson – President
Ashley Westfall – Vice President
Jeff Riddell – Treasurer
Matt Smith – Secretary

Call To Order:

The President called the meeting to order at 7:08pm, and the Secretary recorded the minutes. A quorum of voting members and directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Meeting Topics:

The President opened the meeting with a congratulatory announcement for Merriman Park Estates resident, Brad Walker. Mr. Walker was recently awarded his second Academy Award in the last five years. Mr. Walker is a part of a team of current and former TI employees who invented digital cinema projector technology. You can read more of the story here.

<http://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2015/01/brad-walker-earns-second-oscar/#sthash.yKoymqwd.dpuf>

The President also announced the pending lawsuit against the MPE club has been formally dismissed.

Next, Kathy DeCarlucci spoke on behalf of the Garden Club and announced the club will make a donation to the Merriman Park Elementary Outdoor Learning Center this year. We also have a new city supervisor for the park who has been working very hard with Linda Walker to improve its appearance. Judy Skelton announced the Estater is in "serious production." It should be on press very shortly and tentatively delivered the weekend of February 7 or that following week.

There were no updates from Women's Social Club.

Mike Mata updated the group on the Armed Patrol and informed the group that, due to lack of funds, the patrol has been suspended. There was much discussion surrounding ideas to encourage more donations from the neighborhood, as well as the security patrol payment being put under the board's discretion.

A motion passed to add a line item in the overall budget to supplement payment of the security patrol for the months of February, March and April to avoid it being suspended. Mr. Mata will be preparing an itemized breakdown of the car and officer costs for the next meeting.

While payments of \$150 are preferred, ANY amount is appreciated and can be sent to Mike Mata at 6840 Topsfield. Contact him with any questions at mmata7313@yahoo.com.

Next, the MPE Club Treasurer, Jeff Riddell provided updates on the budget. Dues are down significantly this year and there was discussion around ideas to increase awareness of due dates and encouraging residents to contribute. Dues questions can be directed to the Treasurer, Jeff Riddell at jeff.ridell@bt.com.

Keith Jones provided a trustee report and announced the trust made \$5000 this year thanks, in part, to a more aggressive investing strategy that began several months ago.

Finally, the Board will be meeting in February to craft a proposal that addresses the lack of dues/security patrol payments and provide potential solutions. It was recommended this proposal be presented and voted upon in March, prior to the next official MPE Club meeting.

While slated, nominations for the 2015-2016 MPE Club Board did not take place.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively set for April 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Merriman Park Elementary library. Confirmation will be announced via neighborhood emails and other social channels, including Facebook and Nextdoor.com

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Smith, Recording Secretary
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