



Meeting Minutes
Amston Lake Association – November 8th, 2022, Monthly Meeting
In Person at the Clubhouse – 6:30pm

Attendees: John Matra, Sue Matysayk, Nicole Larew Graczewski, Amy Larew, Pam Hogan, Ann Riley, Nick Salerno, and J.D. Wilcox

- Call to order: 6:31pm by John Matra, 2nd by Nick Salerno

- Approval of Minutes from September 13th & Oct. 11th meetings: motion to accept September meeting minutes: motion to accept by Nick Salerno, and 2nd by Pam Hogan. Ann Riley motioned to accept, Nick Salerno 2nd motion for Oct. minutes.

- President's Report: Emergency furnace repair. Repairman came on Tuesday night, minor repair. Only \$120.

- Events Recap:
 - Trunk-or-Treat: Oct. 30th and it was a success. 8 cars and 1 scooter! Some creative trunks and a vintage car. ALA set up table with donuts and juice boxes. About 34 kids participated. If we do it again next year, we will hopefully get more with more notice.
 - Clubhouse: kitchen has been cleaned up with some new items donated. Storage and servicing table painted to match.

- Upcoming Events
 - "Thanksgiving" Potluck, bring a Thanksgiving dish: Nov. 19th, with Wine Tasting option. 32 signed up with 22 for wine tasting. Limiting wine tasting to 24, so only 2 tickets left!
 - Holiday Merchandise Sale: want to ensure we have Christmas orders available: shipping Wednesday: birds of Amston Lake! Also have 64 mugs and some sweatshirts available May some residents can donate some crafts? Perhaps they can set up a table at the Holiday sale event (date TBD)
 - Holiday Party: seems to be up in the air. If so, it will be on Saturday, perhaps Dec. 3rd. Very casual with Potluck. Perhaps a Yankee Swap? Maybe do when Santa on Fire truck? Not much discussion yet.

- Treasurer's Report: \$5,891.54 in Checking, \$6,737.96 in Saving for Total of \$12,629.50 (which is a little above where we were same time last year). Budget: costs to keep clubhouse open over winter vs. closing. So net was about \$1,900 additional to keep open. Electricity charged for the entire month based on peak rate used over a 30-minute period! We do have the option of going Seasonal, but they would shut down electrical (which we can't do). So, estimating \$200/month.

- Committee Reports
 - House: Clubhouse rentals: two rentals booked for November. Nick met with Plumber to shut Clubhouse down (see below)
 - Merchandise Update: Nothing

- Public Relations/Communications: Nothing
- Social: Nothing

- New Business: results of Energy Audit? Nothing yet, but Electrician checked everything and only getting 6 amps pulled from 1 circuit. Everything else is not drawing energy unnecessarily. All outlets are grounded, and the electrical panel box is grounded. So, we are comfortable that there is not an energy issue due to faulty electrical equipment at panel. A potential issue with the electrical meter still TBD. Other items discussed: remove ceiling tiles, paint ceiling grids, and replace ceiling tiles with a cleaner design. Would be approx. \$2,200 for materials. Nick expressed concern taking on this expense at this time. Group discussed how bathroom and bathroom windows are more of a priority: there is wood rot and a lot of temp repairs have been made to keep the existing windows functional.. Sue suggested hosting a fundraiser (like we did for the Floor) and solicit donations. Ann to start getting some bids between now and Spring.

- Closing the Clubhouse: \$1,900 net to keep open, not considering upcoming anticipated utility rate increases. Nick got a plumber to quote winterizing. Water heater does not have valves, so valves to drain would need to be installed: estimate one-time \$469. The \$250 to shut down and open back up (each trip, Spring and Fall) ALD expressed interest in keeping open for in-house meetings. John to discuss with Jim Canes/ALD. NOTE: Insurance agent is OK with winterizing, assuming we check on things and have security cameras.

- Kinney Road Development: getting estimate, expected to be approx. \$10 million. Running tours of Kinney Road property next few Sundays. Pristine farmland with pristine water underground. Putting a salt shed here would be an environmental concern – and there is no 2nd option. Going to be voted on (Referendum) in May 2023! Please pay attention to this...it could have an impact on the lake as water contamination can move quickly!

- Next meeting: Tuesday March 14th, 2023

- Adjourned: 7:13pm motion to adjourn by Ann Riley, 2nd by Nick Salerno