

Sandy Spring Civic Association
Ross Body Community Center, Sandy Spring, MD 20860
(Meeting Virtually by Zoom)

January 8, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members – Dr. Daryl Thorne, President; Basile “Whit” Whitaker, Vice President; Christine Hill Wilson, Treasurer; Douglas Farquhar, Recording and Correspondence Secretary (absence excused: Bill Thomas, Parliamentarian)

Other SSCA members – approximately 10

Guest: Judy Hruz, Greater Olney Community News

Attendance Total (approximate): 15

Meeting called to order: 6:33 PM

- Christine Hill-Wilson made a motion to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes with any specified changes and seconded by Kristen Slater. The motion passed and the Dec. 2023 minutes were approved w/out objection.
- Committee reports: Treasurer’s report as of Dec 31, 2023, provided by Christine Hill-Wilson.
 - o Dues received: \$50.00.
 - o Operating Account: \$111.38
 - o Scholarship: \$200.09
 - o Scholarship Savings: \$5,904.72 (no scholarships awarded in 2023)
 - o Scholarship CD: \$2,677.73
- Committee Transportation Report: Provided by Kristen Slater: Ongoing pruning, removal of dead trees and stumps by MoCo DOT, possibly Feb/Mar 2024 timeframe. Items to be removed marked by red, orange, and green ribbons along Brooke Road.
- Doug Farquhar provided a proposed by-laws change which would allow HOA’s to join SSCA. The by-laws change would allow each community HOA to be represented by one voting member. The designated representative would be allowed to vote on community matters provided the HOA dues are current and a representative of that HOA has attended three meetings in the prior 12 months. A motion was made by Daryl Thorne and seconded by Kristen Slater. The motion passed without objection.
- New Business and Announcements:
 - o Whit Whitaker provided an update on proposed Financial Management series sponsored by Bailey Wealth Management (Proposed series would include Feb 2024, Social Security; April, Long Term Care; and September, Medicare/Medicaid). Series presented via Zoom.
 - o Andrea McFarland & Whit Whitaker provided an update on the proposed panel discussion for Maryland’s US Senate with David Trone & Angela Alsobrooks. Proposed a March/April timeframe; preferably on a Monday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM, preferred location is Ross Boddy Community Center. More details forthcoming.
 - o The MoCo Women’s Democratic Club is hosting a David Trone & Angela Alsobrooks event on Jan 20, 2024, from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM, @ Wooten HS.
 - o Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Basile Whitaker,
Vice President

Approved: