

## **AGENDA**

HRAA General Meeting

April 5, 2012

### **Call to order**

### **Guest Speaker:**

Clarence E. Mingo II, Franklin County Auditor

### **Business Meeting:**

1. **Approval of minutes**
  
2. **Reports of:**
  - a. **Officers**
    - President
    - Vice President:
    - Immediate Past President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Newsletter Editor
  
  - b. **Standing Committees**
    - Block Watch
    - Newsletter Distribution
    - Historical
    - Membership
    - Beautification
    - Kiosk
  
3. **Unfinished business**
  - a. Articles of Incorporation
  
4. **New business**
  
5. **Adjournment**

**Huber Ridge Area Association Minutes  
General Meeting  
3-1-2012**

**Call to order:** A general meeting of the Huber Ridge Area Association was held in The Blendon Township Senior Center in Westerville, Ohio on Thursday, March 1, 2012. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m, President Carolyn Cordray, presiding.

**Members in attendance:**

Lynn Amersdorfer, Hope Benson, Donald Bricker, Claudia Carney, Elisabeth Clegg, Pamela Clegg, Ron Clegg, Thom Conley, Roberta Conley, Carolyn Cordray, Eric Cordray, Tom Heichel, Faith Heiser, Grant Heiser, Jonathan Langhals, Lori Mann, Doug Murphy, Joy Neff, Marje Obrist, Linda Royse, Jean Welch, James Welch, Tom Weibell.

**Guest Speakers:**

Tim Davey from *Taxpayers for Westerville Schools*

Rick Bannister from *Our Community, Our Schools*

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made by Jim Welch and the motion was seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Officers' reports:**

President (Carolyn Cordray) see *New Business* below

Vice president (Eric Cordray) Advised that the speaker for our next meeting will be a member of the Franklin County Auditor's Office to discuss tax evaluations. Barb Crawford will be the guest speaker for the May meeting.

Secretary none given

Treasurer (Pam Clegg) Reviewed report (attached) of expenses and current Association balance. Pam requested that \$125 be allocated to file for Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State. Joya Neff moved that our Treasurer proceed as she has proposed in her report, to follow the direction of the bank advisors and that the \$125 required to obtain incorporation of this Association in Ohio be allocated and the motion was seconded. Discussion was had and the motion was put to a vote, and the **motion failed**. Jim Welch moved that legal council is sought, with the intent of having the work done pro bono, or alternatively to seek an estimate for legal counsel on the matter of moving forward with the Articles of Incorporation and the motion was seconded. **Motion carried.** Joy Neff, Doug Murphy and Jim Welch will investigate this option and present their findings at the next General meeting.

Immediate Past President (Jim Welch) Gave an update on the proposed rate increase from Aqua Ohio and advised that there will be two local meetings on said increase. Neither meeting is in the Blendon Township area.

**Board and committee reports:**

Newsletter: Marje distributed a newsletter report (attached); all articles are due today (3/1/12). She will send the draft version out March 10 to the Executive Committee members for review, following the dates as outlined in her report.

Membership: Joy prepared and distributed a membership report (attached). She updated us on the Silver Celebration and provided a copy of the invitation which was sent to the membership.

Block Watch: Doug gave an update on crime reports (attached)

**Unfinished business:**

A motion was made by Thom Conley to give a donation to Faith Covenant Church in the amount of \$100, and the motion was seconded. **Motion carried.**

**New business:**

Carolyn reviewed the information about fund raising opportunities that had been presented at the February 16, 2012 Executive Committee meeting. Chris Pugh has not given Carolyn information which was requested, but as more information is available it will be presented to the members for consideration.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_

Huber Ridge Area Association

**Reports for 4/5/2012**

**Secretary's Report**

Bills submitted for payment, recommended by Executive Board:

1. \$455.90 to Joy Neff for food and supplies for the Silver Celebration 2012
2. \$8.32 to Joy Neff for 2 part spiral notebook, Petty Cash/vouchers
3. \$14.93 to Joy Neff for labels for use in New Members Packets
4. \$20.93 to Claudia Carney for copies for HRAA membership meeting on 3/1/12
5. \$14.41 to Claudia Carney for copies for HRAA membership meeting on 4/5/12

**Treasurer's Report**

Action items:

1. Legal counsel advised that record keeping will begin after incorporation for auditing purposes. Past records will not be passed on to current treasurer, so no longer waiting on records from Eric Cordray and Brent Shaffer, past treasurers.
2. Contact information provided at end of report.

Activity	Amount	Description
Beginning Balance March 1, 2012	8,449.96	
Deposit 3/02/12	320.00 +	Membership (2 checks) Herald ads (2 checks)
Balance	8,769.96	
Check 2335 - 3/06/12	*16.11 -	Herald (distribution reimbursement - Almina Wiebell)
Balance 3/06/12	8,753.85	
Deposit 3/15/12	165.00 +	Membership (11 checks)
Balance 3/15/12	8,918.85	
Check 2337 - dated 3/19/12 cashed 3/20/12	1,117.67 -	Herald (payment to Yes Press for spring 2012 Herald)
Balance 3/20/12	7,801.18	
Deposit 4/04/12	436.50 +	Silver (34 checks total 405.50; 31.00 cash)
Deposit 4/04/12	135.00 +	Membership (8 checks, 1 cash)
Ending Balance 4/04/12	8,372.68	

\*Gap in checks due to late cashing of check 2335, dated 2-18-12 for 16.11. Check cashed 3/06/12. (Check 2336 cashed and reported March 1, 2012).

Note: This report reflects activity up to April 4, 2012.

Report of 2012 Ad Money Received as requested by Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor, (includes other non-membership deposits)

Date of Check	Amount	Ad Purchased by:	Date of Deposit	Non-Membership Deposits
12/21/11	65.00	Pam Clegg	01/23/12 (Eric)	
12/23/11	60.00	Bob Evans Fundraiser	01/23/12 (Eric)	
01/05/12	65.00	Varment Guard	01/23/12 (Eric)	
01/23/12	150.75		01/23/12 (Eric)	Check to HRAA/Eric Cordray
01/23/12	200.00		01/23/12 (Eric)	Cash/Eric Cordray
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	540.75	January		
01/04/12	25.00	Donley Strong	01/26/12	
01/05/12	125.00	Grace Fellowship	01/26/12	
01/06/12	125.00	Wayne's	01/26/12	
01/06/12	65.00	Loveday	01/26/12	
01/07/12	65.00	Faith Covenant	01/26/12	
01/10/12	65.00	Roush	01/26/12	
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	470.00	January		
01/23/12	25.00	Koorsen Fire	02/04/12	
01/26/12	65.00	Flaherty	02/04/12	
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	90.00			
02/11/12	25.00	Love Your Pet Grooming	02/24/12	
02/17/12	25.00	Farmer's Insurance	02/24/12	
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	50.00	February		
02/25/12	65.00	Leona Sapp/Gregg Sapp	03/02/12	
02/23/12	225.00	Ohio State Schools of Cos	03/02/12	
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	290.00	March		

Pamela J. Clegg  
[treasurer@huberridge.org](mailto:treasurer@huberridge.org)  
 614-891-8176

### Newsletter Editor's Report

- ✚ The twenty-sixth issue (Vol. 7, No. 2) of the Huber Ridge Area Association newsletter, *The Herald*, was published and hand delivered to Huber Ridge residents under the direction of Almina and Tom Wiebell, Newsletter Distribution Coordinators. *The Herald* also appears on our website, [www.huberridge.org](http://www.huberridge.org) under [Our Info](#) and then under [Newsletter Archive](#).
- ✚ The printing cost for 1,800 copies of this 16-page newsletter was \$1,117.67; revenue from 1 full-page advertisement, 2 half-page advertisements, 8 quarter-page advertisements, 3 business-card size advertisements, and 1 insert advertisement was \$1,120.00—which covered 106 percent of the cost of producing the spring issue of *The Herald*. (We had a profit of \$2.33.)

- ✚ The support of our 15 advertisers is **invaluable**; please *support* them. These advertisers are
  - Faith Covenant Church
  - Farmers Insurance (Mark Betts)
  - Flaherty Consulting Group, The
  - GRACE Fellowship Church
  - Kurtz Bros., Inc.
  - Minerva Park Swim Club
  - Ohio State School of Cosmetology
  - Roush Honda Used Car Company
  - Sapp, Leona (*Dollarapalooza ...*)
  - Strong, Donley, CPA and CDFA
  - Sunbury Auto and Pet Wash
  - Sunbury Plaza Dental
  - Varmint Guard
  - W.A.R.M. (Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club)
  - Wayne's Auto Repair

✚ The following 16 people wrote material for this issue of *The Herald*: Pam Clegg, Carolyn Cordray, Eric Cordray, Doug Dapo, Susan Dapo, Donna Jordan, Lori Mann, Doug Murphy, Joya Neff, Marje Obrist, Bryan Rhoads, Sharon Ricker, Deb Wallace, James Welch, and Alminda and Tom Wiebell!  
 Many thanks

✚ The following are important dates for the publication of the *twenty-seventh* issue of *The Herald*:

Monday	May 21	Editor will begin soliciting advertising for the summer issue of the newsletter.
Thursday	June 7	Articles and advertising copy are due to the Newsletter Editor.
Monday	June 18	The newsletter will be e-mailed to the Executive Committee in PDF format for review and corrections.
Wednesday	June 20	Delivery people will be contacted by Newsletter Distribution Coordinators.
Thursday	June 21	The Executive Committee will approve the summer issue of <i>The Herald</i> .
Friday	June 22	The newsletter will be e-mailed to YesPress Graphics LLC for printing.
Tuesday	June 26	The newsletter will be picked up by the Newsletter Delivery Coordinators for delivery by June 30 or soon thereafter.
Thursday	July 19	Payment for advertising is due to the Newsletter Editor or to the Treasurer.

Marje Obrist, Newsletter Editor (891-6944)

## **Block Watch Report**

04/03/12

The following information was compiled from the CrimeReports.com

30070 3/1/2012 2230 Assault 5800 Westerville  
suspect became belligerent and aggressive toward staff and started to push victim

30074 3/7/2012 2015 Assault 5600 Santiago  
resident of group home attacked 2 staff members

30084 3/13/2012 1623 Assault 5400 Harbin  
victim was assaulted by suspect and was transported to the hospital

30085 3/15/2012 1553 Burglary 3600 Bolamo  
unknown person(s) entered the home and moved property around

30088 3/16/2012 2001 theft 3300 Paris  
victim believes her house & vehicle keys were removed from her house door

30091 3/21/2012 1130 burglary 5400 Woodvale  
unknown person(s) reached into a window and removed laptop computer and iPod

30099 3/29/2012 1400 theft 5900 Westerville  
suspect concealed \$140 worth of meat under his clothing and left store without paying

30102 3/31/2012 1338 Theft 3400 Dempsey  
trash can was removed from premise without consent by unknown person(s)

Contacted Department of Homeland Security about training on the "If You See Something, Say Something™" program in the next month or two.

I've checked the entrances to the neighborhood for any missing Block Watch or No Solicitation signs and will recommend replacement of any missing signs.

In response to several questions about the BWReps being armed in light of the incident Florida, I feel that the BTPD do very well thank you!

Doug Murphy  
614-525-1488 h

**Newsletter Distribution – none**

**Historical – none**

## Membership Report

Introduction of Household of the Quarter, Jack and Janet Brown at 3582 Karikal.

Drawing for the next quarter will be next month

New member packet: Except for one insert and adding correction labels to the maps, the packets are ready!

Update of all the home foreclosures and sales:

- Since June of 2009, 77 homes have sold in the Ridge and only 15 of them were foreclosures.
- The first foreclosure was on February 2011. For the next 12 months there were 16 foreclosures and only 3 remain.
- From January 2012 to the present there have been only 4 foreclosures - 1 in January, 2 in February and 1 in March and 2 of them have sold.

A chart of the above is available as a handout.

Thom Conley is doing a super job with membership and in addition to ongoing renewals; he has gotten renewals by 2 families who were past due since 2009!

Joya Neff  
Membership

7 renewals

Thom Conley

## Financial Report

3rd Annual Silver Celebration

Reservations for 67

- 2 comped - Gwenn and Roger
- 2 made reservations late/ no pay/no show
- 3 made reservations / called ill/ we refunded
- 2 made reservations/no show/no refund

Refunded \$27.50

Collected \$444.00

Total served - 60

Cooked for 75 (67 plus 8 of the workers) not including the 7 who paid registrations

Cost of food and supplies \$477.98

Returns were \$22.08 and donation for butter was \$5.00

Total cost \$450.90 - a bill is submitted for this amount with receipts attached.

Loss of \$6.90

Just some figures:

- Cost of meat - \$63.37 or \$3.17/lb
- Cost of noodles - \$44.07 or \$3.39/lb
- Plastic ware \$56.91, but we have inventory of cups
- Fruit for decorations - \$21.37
- Cost of a serving of dessert - \$0.54 ( I wanted to know)

## Comments from tables:

Have music - from the '50s and 60s playing softly through dinner. It fills the soul and invites conversation. - Pastor Tim

Make arrangements for a sound system. I thought the program and food and company was good! How about a singer or musician from HR for a song or 2 next year?

I thank you for changing the date of this dinner from February to March. We have always been in Florida in years before and were unable to attend in February. It was a lovely affair and glad we could make it this time. Santos

Thank you for a great evening. Everything was great. Coffields

To all HRAA committee members - thank you for all the time, planning, and work for making the 3rd Silver HRAA dinner a huge hit. The food, decorations, and program was very enjoyable. Dunbar-Linak

Thank you for continuing these! We found out about the first one too late (all over.) The second, we paid and then forgot to go. This is the one for us! Thank you too for using our church facility. We are honored! This was an extremely nice evening! We loved the whole concept! Shoemakers

Thanks for getting this evening together! It was great! Jones'  
A very nice gathering. Thanks for having this. I do wish you would schedule it for April - not during "March Madness"!

Very nice and friendly gathering. Seems well organized. Seward

Need mics for those whose hearing is not so good.

Since we are getting older we need to have a microphone to be able to hear. Great Place! - Jones

This is a lovely dinner and place. I like the set-up and the menu. Delicious meal! Francis'

A big thank you to Grace Fellowship for providing the room for our 25th Anniversary dinner. the room is the nicest place we've had the annual event. It takes so many people to put on an event and I truly appreciate every one of them. Thanks again. Rama Jones

## Inventory Food and Staples

Tea bags - 23  
Peanuts - almost 3 lbs  
Sugar - 2 1/2 lbs  
Poppy seeds - 1/2 bottle  
Coffee 2 cups (makes 60 cups) decaf  
Coffee 2 cups ( makes 60 cups) regular  
12 oz cups - 24  
8 oz cups - 58  
6 inch plates - 11  
Paper towels  
Napkins - tea table - butterfly - 50

## Decorations

Ribbon – satin: pink, lavender, light blue, light green, yellow  
Ribbon - paper, curling - a bolt of silver  
Tulle circles - blue, light green, yellow, pink  
Silver metallic shred - 1 bag  
Balloon weights - silver - 9  
Candy Buffet Favor Bags - a kit - 25  
(we had one jellybean favor left and I gave it to Marilyn at the church)

Joy Neff  
3/21/12



## **Beautification Report**

The Ridgewood Park spring cleanup is April 28, starting at 9:00 a.m. We will work until around 3:00 p.m. There is also a Boy Scout Eagle project starting at 8:00 a.m., if anyone wants to start earlier.

The Eagle project is putting a fence between the volleyball court and the parking lot, and planting some shrubs there. Anyone not helping with that will help mulching the path in the woods, spreading mulch in the playground. The flower beds will be prepared, and we'll do a general cleanup of the park. A picnic lunch will be provided by the Blendon Township Trustees.

Please bring pitchforks, garden rakes, wheelbarrows, work gloves, pruning tools, and small gardening tools, making sure you label them with your name.

Call with any questions: 882-3795

Lori Mann

RECOMMENDATION: The Huber Ridge Area Association Executive Committee recommends to the general membership that we re-organize the structure of our association by:

- Changing our designation to an incorporated non-profit corporation
- File Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit 501 (c) (4) group with the Secretary of State at a one-time cost of \$125.
- Register our association name with the Secretary of State as a trade name for a cost of \$50, then every \$25 every five years for a renewal fee.
- Attorney, Fred Milligan's fee for consultation and handling our paperwork for a cost of \$125

BACKGROUND: The HRAA has been operating as an unincorporated association since its re-organization approximately 7 years ago. Compare then to now:

Then:	Now:
20 or so member households	220 member households
Organized a few events	Annually coordinates several events
Largest attendance at events: 75	Largest attendance at events: 400+

Bottom line, we've caught on in the neighborhood!

#### WHY WILL THIS BENEFIT THE HRAA?

- 501 (c)(4) is an IRS classification for civic leagues and social welfare organizations that are not organized for profit. This designation will allow the HRAA to apply for recognition of exemption from federal income taxes.
- Taking these steps to re-structure our organization which has grown significantly over the years will provide liability protection as a corporation we currently don't have as an unincorporated association for individual members.
- Registering our association name with the Secretary of State as a trade name protects our exclusive right to the use of our association name.

#### NEXT STEPS:

- Review proposal and research to make your personal determination as to the direction the association should take.
- At the May 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting of the HRAA we will vote on this issue. Please plan to attend!