

Date August 16, 2016

To Dogwood Lane Residents

From Thom Wright  
Executive Director

Re Minutes from Lane Meeting

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Thank you for participating in Lathrop's monthly Lane meeting! It was highly informative and enjoyable and we appreciate your feedback and wise counsel. The following are minutes from the meeting held on August 11, 2016 at 1:00pm (to the best of my recollection and short-hand ability!)

1. The meeting began with a moment of silence.
2. Dogwood residents prepared a list of topics that were discussed. This is much appreciated!
3. Residents inquired about Quaker practices and the application at Lathrop for two in particular: consensus and the moment of silence. T. Wright shared that the moment of silence is meant to prepare participants for the matter at hand, to be focused on the present and to be open to hear and share thoughts, especially when decisions need to be made and the best solution is sought. Consensus is an important value towards achieving unity but not necessarily unanimity. A different opinion or thought may inform others and stimulate change in the outcome of decisions and sometimes discussion warrant exhaustive exploration to the point of having a sense of the meeting and reaching unity to move forward. The practices are not meant as a method of proselytizing.
4. Resident queried whether lane meeting minutes could be put in everyone's mailboxes. T. Wright explained that a decision had been made to distribute them in hard copy only to the specific lane neighbors and to place a copy in the Resource Guide. Further, he suggested that the minutes be archived on the Resident Website and would contact C. Neubert to do so. [uploaded to website on August 15]
5. Discussion ensued about the equity of special meals and events at each campus. D. peavey explained that she tries to keep things equal in terms of the times that Lathrop or the Associations pay for food items. Lathrop provides the Annual picnic; residents of both campuses pay the prevailing rate for special events like lobster dinners and often, associations pay for food for campus sponsored picnics. Resident also requested a meeting with P. Westerfield to discuss weekly lunches. T. Wright informed P. Westerfield, who will await an invite from residents.
6. The use of Meeting House space by outside folks was discussed. Use requires that a resident be connected to the group (LIR, Bridge, etc.) In some cases, people not connected to current residents use the space and are encouraged to make a contribution to cover the costs of cleaning,

lights, etc. (\$25) and the groups do pay. These funds should go directly to the Association as they are a trade of services, and not a donation.

7. Due to the weather and lack of rain, grass will be planted in the fall in areas that are currently without. Also, dead trees will be removed, trimmed or replaced in the fall.
8. The subject of privacy fencing was raised as several residents have been promised and have submitted work orders. T. Wright indicated that there are at least three (3) fences, some with patios that will be installed at the same time.
9. Residents inquired about protocol of lowering the flag. T. Wright indicated that we follow national guidelines and that maintenance can assist with lowering and raising the flag M-F. Also, Easthampton residents are designing a banner that will be lowered to announce the passing of a resident. Dogwood residents indicated interest in also having a banner. T. Wright will make a request to M. Harvey. [ Done on August 16]

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.