HSIA BOARD MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
January 29, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Sue Miller, Kate Penn

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

GUESTS: Chris Elkington, Jeri Singleton, Phil Jones, Linda Elkington

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. No quorum present.

Minutes from the December Board Meeting were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Walker reported that we have $232,803.00 in our accounts. Received $133,000 from the County. Expenses look as they should. Nothing new to report. Property taxes on rental house assessment went down 25%.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bill Shuman reported that there was a very small turnout for our January General Meeting. We had a special guest speaker from Oyster Harbor. The speaker talked about the house fire that occurred in Oyster Harbor in December 2008 and spoke about fire suppression, fire hydrants, and what more can be done in case of house fires. Bill mentioned that there was vandalism in the 500-600 block of Harbor Drive. Mailboxes were knocked over and trashcans were run over. Anne Arundel County police were able to make an arrest. South River Federation is hosting the annual South River on the Halfshell on February 28th. Any board member that would like to go and represent HSIA should let Bill know. The board member would need to go at their own expense.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers presented 2009 bids for printing *the Sea Breeze* (copy attached). She recommended trying Highstarr Copy Services because they were the lowest bid and they have the quickest turn around time. **Bruce Walker motioned we change printing companies to Highstarr Copy Services. Kate Penn seconded. Non-binding vote taken – unanimous (no quorum present).** Come And Get It Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th from 10 am to 2 pm.

BEACH: Kate Penn reported on the following:

1. The large playground has damaged playground equipment. HSIA originally budgeted $3000 for the replacement of one damaged slide. Now all three slides are deteriorated. New slides have added support at the bottom and will be imbedded in concrete. **Kate motioned the board approved $7636.32 to Recreation Resource (quote attached) for purchase of new playground equipment. Bruce Walker seconded. Bruce questioned why there were no competitive bids? Kate said that Recreation Resource is the sole source contractor for the Berk playground equipment installed at the beach. Non-binding vote taken – unanimous (no quorum present).**
2. Kate passed out two management plans on the shoreline project from ESA and Coastline Design. She explained the two quotes/plans (attached). Kate will bring more information to the February board meeting.

3. Kate discussed surfacing materials for the beach parking lot. The pavers the committee looked at previously will be too expensive. Gravel with timbers is being reevaluated. Permeable concrete might be another option (estimated $45K). The estimate for the gravel with timbers is $20K.

SECURITY: Kevin Green reported on the vandalism in the community last night. Trash cans, recycling containers, and mailboxes were vandalized and the police made an arrest. Randy Southers is proposing an increase in his pay to $20/hour. Kevin made contact with four private security patrol companies. He heard back from two of them. Kevin gave the details of both companies. Kevin proposes we consider Blueguard Security. He would like to follow up on references and invite them to the next board meeting.

PIERS & HARBOR: Nothing to report.

PROPERTY: Nothing to report.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Nothing to report.

DREDGING: Bruce Walker reported that nothing is going on at present. The County should have signed a contract for a spur workshop.

POOL LEASE RENEWAL: Kate Penn reported on the ad hoc committee meeting. The committee would like to have a draft of the new pool lease ready to present to the community at the next General Meeting. Much discussion followed. Phil Jones asked to join the committee. Kate has an electronic copy of the lease and will send it to the board and ask for feedback from the board on issues to raise at the next Pool Lease Meeting.

BEACH STRIP:

1. **Bill Shuman motioned to authorize our attorney to send a letter to the plaintiffs in the beach strip lawsuit informing them of our ownership of riparian rights and land to the waterside of the mean high tide line per the 1736 land grant. Kate Penn seconded. Discussion followed. Bill mentioned the purpose of this motion is to assert ownership and make sure we protect our property and give us the opportunity to possibly restore the sandy beach in the future. Bill withdrew the motion.**

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator