



## HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES — August 6, 2024

Mike called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. Residents in attendance: 21

Board members in attendance: Mike StaffordCrane (Chair), Phyllis White (Treasurer), Norma Nick Taylor (Member-at-Large) and Beverly Mason (Secretary).

### Welcome From the Chair

- The Minutes from last month were approved by the Board.

### Treasurer's Report (Phyllis): July 1 through July 31, 2024

June 30, 2024: Balance	\$10,571.07
Income:	
John O'Neal, Recycling	155.00
Expenses:	
Ralph Trigo (Water for VMRC meeting)	(17.39)
VMRC (Dues)	(115.50)
<b>July 31, 2024: BALANCE</b>	<b>\$10,593.18</b>
ACCOUNTS:	
Checking	\$9,988.18
Legal Fund	\$600.00
Savings	\$5.00
<b>July 31, 2024: BALANCE</b>	<b>\$10,593.18</b>

### Committee Reports:

- Welcomer's Report (Roberta was absent): Mike reported that there was no activity.
- Social Committee (Eveline and Hazel) — Eveline reported:
  - Memorial for Carmel (see details in newsletter).
  - There will be a SUMMER POT LUCK on Thursday, August 15, from 5–8 pm:
    - Tickets are \$4 and sign-ups are Thursday, August 8: 10-12 noon and 2-4pm.
    - Please bring your favorite dish to share.
    - Music by YesterYear.
    - See flyer in the newsletter and online at [lemonwoodhomeowners.com/events/](https://lemonwoodhomeowners.com/events/)
- Sunshine Ladies (Adriane and Elizabeth were absent):
  - They need some help for the next couple of months. If you are available, please contact them directly.
- VMRC Report (Ralph):
  - They are considering disbanding due to lack of attendance
    - Next meeting: TBD
  - The VMRC attorney responded to their inquiry about disbanding Ventura's Rent Control Board.
    - His response: The City has no permission to eliminate the Board.
- Speakers (Mike and Carla) — Mike reported:
  - September Speaker: Commander Paragon Paragon from the VFW will share about opportunities for community participation and engagement.
  - Possible speakers for future months:
    - Ventura Police Department
    - Additional Lemon Wood activities

## **Lemon Wood Writer's Group: Presented by Mike Pemberton**

- Meets on the second or third Monday of each month at 11am for 1.5 to 2 hours.
- Some time is set aside for discussion on various topics.
- Members bring a written piece to share, e.g., story, essay, poem, etc.
  - Constructive feedback and suggestions are provided by the group members.
- Three examples were read aloud, including one about the Writer's Group that Mike prompted from Artificial Intelligence (Microsoft's Copilot).

## **Old Business:**

- Board elections are in September.
  - A sample ballot was handed out for review.
  - Final ballots will be distributed to each homesite cubby on Sept. 1.
  - Mike requested that if anyone wants to join the Board, they should let him know asap so he can add their names to the ballot.
  - The new board will meet privately to determine the positions for the new term
- "Take Back Our Sidewalks" Initiative (Norma):
  - Pedestrian signs have been installed, but the speed limit was not changed.
    - Norma will continue to request the lower speed limit.
  - An attendee reported that several trees were trimmed to enhance visibility of signage.

## **New Business:**

- SoCal Edison has developed a long-term solution for the "field of weeds" that includes:
  - An environmental study.
  - Multiple applications of an herbicide that will "permanently" reduce the growth rate of the weeds.
    - This is not a pesticide.

## **Open Discussion:**

- One resident asked if anyone else has problems with rabbits and ground squirrels.
  - Sympathetic nods, laughter and discussion ensued. 😊
  - Lemon Wood management is only responsible for the common areas and seem to be losing that battle.
  - Per a pest control resource that Mike consulted:
    - There is no way to eliminate wildlife on a permanent basis.
- Movie Matinee on Friday, August 9, at 2pm:
  - The film is "**O Brother Where Art Thou.**"
  - Read all about it in the newsletter (available **online**) and on the "**Activities**" page of the website: [lemonwoodhomeowners.com/activities/](http://lemonwoodhomeowners.com/activities/)
  - Popcorn provided. Bring your own beverage.

**Raffle drawing:** The \$20 winner was Candace. Congrats!

**Upcoming meetings:** September 3, October 1 and November 5 at 4:30pm.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm**