

OLCAA's New Board of Directors

By Smiley Ferebee, Elections chair

On May 23, 2018, our annual General Membership Meeting and OLCAA Board elections were held at the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church. The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Bernadette Tanksley and this author. OLCAA committee chairs gave their reports for the month. The nominees then offered a brief introduction of themselves. Afterwards, the voting began.

While votes were being tallied, the 2018 OLCAA Community Service Awards were given out to the following recipients: Deb Ahrens, Judy Becker, Eric Brice, Alvin and Earlene Mitchell, Kelly McShain-Tyree, and Freida Williams. To get the full commentary of what their peers said about them, visit our website at www.olcaa.org.

Our speakers were as follows: Ms. Freida Williams, chair of Housing & Zoning, passed out a survey, which she explained was to identify what East Oak Laners would like to have or see in their neighborhood and their opinions of how OLCAA is doing. (The survey is on our website, if you haven't filled out one yet.) Ms. Vernita Hall, our webmaster, spoke about the huge value of utilizing the OLCAA website and its boundless time and money-saving uses. Ms. Harriet Atkerson introduced the Oak Lane House, now available for a variety of community uses.

The meeting ended at 9:00 PM. Members and guests were invited to stop by a reception next door in the Oak Lane House, with food, fun, and live entertainment. There, the following were announced as the 2018-2019 OLCAA Board members (Officers were elected at the June Board meeting.):

Sharon Wilson, President; Andrea Mayo, Vice President; Peggy Runde Weston, Interim Secretary; Martha Lewis, Eric Lightheart, Erin Lightheart, Earlene Mitchell, Kim Robertson, and Daria Saroka all were elected to a two-year term. The following Board members are incumbents: Tie Bradford, Iris Brunson, Smiley Ferebee, Vernita Hall, Bernadette Tanksley, Freida Williams, for a full Board complement of fifteen.

On the Elections committee were Eric Brice, Martha Lewis, Dorothy Mora, and Jon Weston.

In conclusion this was an especially exciting election because so many who were never on the Board before stepped forward to take their turn to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood, volunteer their skills, and express their passions towards the greater good of our community.

Congratulations and thank you,
The Elections committee