

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Never, it seems, have we been so far apart, yet so close together. We can chat over the fence (at a safe distance) with neighbors we don't see often, while worrying about the ones we hardly know at all. We're learning about Zoom and Skype for face-to-face meetings, but missing the "sparkly" excitement of being in the same room together where enthusiasm and ideas might flow more easily. We feel for each other, but no hand-holding allowed, much less hugs. We know it's going to end, but we don't know when.

We're not a group just to sit back and wait, however. We communicate through social media and we plan ways to move forward. Most exciting at this moment is the new partnership between Grove Park and New Waves of Joy Church, our usual general meeting place. The Grove Park board voted to donate \$585 to the church's food bank to help those whose cupboards are a little bare. Pastor Frank McCullough will open the food bank to Grove Park neighbors, even going so far as buying a freezer to help distribute meats and frozen foods. They will handle all purchasing and distribution. We will handle publicity and scheduling, plus any other service we can offer. All should be in place by the first week of May.

We also hope for future events, even as we cancel those for early spring. The June 23rd meeting is still booked, with city council members, a real estate expert and the annual board elections all confirmed. The garden club yard sale (essential for their continued programming) can go to the fall, garden council and book club are using Zoom, National Night Out in August can still happen as well as our fall school tutoring program.

We'll be OK.

TREASURER'S REPORT

\$6,985.49	Starting Balance as of 1/1/20
+ \$803.50	Add Receipts
<u>\$7,788.99</u>	
- \$1,443.23	Subtract Expenses
<u>\$6,345.76</u>	Balance as of 3/30/20

and REMEMBER ---> New in May 2020 (below)

Need Extra Groceries? Grove Park & New Waves of Joy Baptist Church have you covered.

As the pandemic continues many of us have been furloughed from our jobs and it's hard to make ends meet. Understanding this, Grove Park Neighborhood Association has made a donation from our treasury to partner with New Waves of Joy Baptist Church helping them expand their food pantry to Grove Park neighbors.

The pantry will provide both non-perishables and frozen food to help tide us over until we're able to get back to work.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the church if you have a need. These are the times we reach out to each other with support & care.

**The food pantry is open on Wednesdays from
1 pm to 5 pm beginning Wednesday, May 6.**

For more information call: 704-568-8422

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