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President's Letter
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Happy New Year LITW Residents:

We hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday season. So far winter has been kind to us as far as snow. Although with all of the rain, the ground is pretty saturated.

The trustees had their first meeting of the year on January 9th. The following are some quick notes from the meeting.

Thank You-

We would like to thank Chris Cook our outgoing President for his years of service to LITW. He was courageous enough to serve 2 full terms or 4 years. His dedication and hard work for the neighborhood certainly helped keep LITW a great community to live

in. We really appreciate everything he has done for LITW. If you see Chris please take a moment to thank him.

Trustees-

We would like to welcome Matt Ricci as the newest member of LITW Trustees and thank Rich Dobre and Dan Isaacson for committing to serve another term. Your other trustees are Beth Fleming, Penny Scocos, Dan Spencer and Ken Lance. It is not too early to start thinking about whether you would like to serve as a trustee for LITW next year. If you have any interest, please do not hesitate to contact any trustee for more information. We will elect 4 trustees in December to serve next year and 3 the following year. The terms are for 2 years.

Finance-

We do not quite have the final numbers for 2011 but it appears we will be about \$5,000 under budget. We will finalize our 2012 budget at our February meeting. We have also changed banks and finally set up 3 separate accounts to make sure our funds are completely separate. We now have an account for our General Fund, one for our Sinking Fund and one for our Lake Fund.

Lake-

It is recommended that we drain the lake about 2 feet every winter. This helps with the long-term health of the lake. We drained it about 2 feet in December. Unfortunately, after we closed the valve, we had a large amount of rain and it filled back up within 2 weeks. So we plan to drain it again another 2 feet in mid-January so please don't be alarmed.

Lakelines-

We have about half of the neighborhood that receives Lakelines by e-mail and half that receive it by regular mail. Our concern is that sometimes e-mails are not always read or that not all family members get to see the e-mail. So we are considering going back to regular mail for distribution of Lakelines. We would really like to get some input on this issue. If you received this by e-mail please click here klance@sbcglobal.net to confirm you received this even if you have no comments to add. Also, anyone who receives a hard copy please e-mail your comments about this issue to klance@sbcglobal.net. Our whole goal is to keep the neighborhood well informed of what is happening in LITW, please help us get better at this.

Next Meeting-

Everyone is always welcome at the trustee meetings. They are the second Monday of every month at 7:30. We rotate between the trustee's homes. If you plan to attend please drop me an e-mail at klance@sbcglobal.net so we can plan space requirements. We would love to see you at a meeting. Our next meeting is at Ken Lance's home at 8638 LITW Trail

On behalf of the trustees – best regards,

Ken Lance