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ASSOCIATION MEETING: The second general meeting in the current season of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 p.m., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, in the Pimmit Hills School. Here is the agenda:

- Reading of minutes Mrs. Wahl
- Treasurer's report Mr. Thompson
- Special Presidential Nominations and Election
- Old Business:
 - Report on Curbs and Gutters, San. Dist. 8 Mr. Whytock
 - Report on Sidewalks and Streetlights Mr. Herby
 - Report of Safety Committee Mr. Smith
 - Report on Membership Drive Mr. Carr
 - Report on Fairfax Federation of Citizens Assoc. Mr. Mandrovsky
- Announcements
- New Business:
 - Proposed 1958 Pimmit Hills Directory
 - Review of 1957-58 Program
 - Other
- Adjournment

PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY - Intent on the business at hand during the spirited and productive first general meeting last month, Mr. Charles Lewis, our newly installed President, omitted to announce that he was planning to leave the community and would, therefore, become ineligible to continue his service with the Association. His announcement was made instead to the Executive Committee.

All of us on the Executive Committee and the many in Pimmit Hills who have the pleasure of acquaintance with "Chuck" Lewis wish him the very best in his new community and thank him sincerely for his dedication to the purposes of the Association and for his successful efforts in helping us to develop this year's fine program.

The Vice President, in the normal line of succession to the presidency was unable to accept the post and appointed Mr. Hans Moses as Chairman of a special, five-member nominating committee to recommend the nomination of a new candidate. After considerable careful review and discussion of the relative qualifications of a number of highly qualified individuals in the area, the committee named as its final selection, Mr. John Shacochis.

Mr. Shacochis, of 2314 Griffith Road in Section 6, was born in Pittston, Penna., is 43, and has four children. He holds a B.A. degree from Scranton University, has been employed by the Federal Government for 17 years, and is currently head of the Management Engineering Branch in the Navy Department's Bureau of Personnel.

He joined the Citizens Association when he moved to Pimmit Hills in June of 1953 and has remained an active member since that time. Mr. Shacochis was instrumental in organizing the community's first effort to develop plans for a community center, for which funds have been earned and saved for several years. He is also a member of the local Teen Club Adult Advisory Committee and is active in church affairs of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

NOMINATIONS AND SPECIAL ELECTION - Mr. Shacochis' formal nomination will be proposed at the forthcoming general meeting. Opportunity will also be provided at the meeting for additional nominations to be made from the floor. A special presidential election will be held immediately after the close of nominations.

ACTION ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS - Since the last general meeting the Executive Committee has met twice, discussing, planning, acting on, and completing a sizeable volume of business. In addition, several committees have begun or moved forward with a wide variety of activities on which progress reports will be made as outlined in the agenda. The content of one or another of the reports will be of direct concern to each and every resident of the community. Accordingly, all residents, members and non-members alike, are cordially invited and urged to attend.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Committee Chairman William Carr of 2319 Leonard Drive (JE 4-0095) is directing a community-wide membership drive. The drive is expected to extend over a number of weeks and reach each resident of the area.

Each of us may expect a visit by one of our neighbors to discuss the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, its current activities and plans, its past accomplishments, and its value to each of us as a means for getting done together what none of us can do alone. We hope you will invite these people into your homes for a few minutes and take the opportunity to discuss the Association (its shortcomings and failures too, if you will) in this light.

While concrete accomplishment by the association demands a reasonably large and vigorous membership--our main goal--we also urge those of the community whose other responsibilities preclude active participation in the association to buy a membership and, in so doing, to demonstrate their interest through financial support.

The cost for complete family membership for the year is \$2.50. Checks will be accepted if made payable to the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association. If you can't pay when contacted during the drive, phone Bill Carr (above) or the representative who visited you when you can. Memberships may also be purchased at the general meetings.

VOTERS REGISTRATION - Saturday, October 5, is the deadline to register if you plan to vote in the November election. Our registrar is Mrs. Elizabeth Hemsley, JE 2-5688. In order to vote you must have paid your poll tax May 4th, 1957. Exceptions are (1) those who have moved into Virginia after January 1, 1956, (2) those who have turned 21 since January 1, 1957, and (3) Armed Services members. Wives are not excluded.

VANDALISM - Pinet Hills, having many things in common with communities throughout the nation, apparently has its share of vandalism and petty thefts. Several complaints have been registered by residents on this subject, and we understand that the County Police Department is doing all within its power (and budget too, Mr. Voter) to prevent the problem and apprehend those responsible. A fair measure of the responsibility for both prevention and apprehension, however, rests upon us. The Police Department reminds us that we may each be of considerable assistance to them in their efforts to help us by: (1) locking our cars and houses when unattended; (2) being alert for vandals, prowlers, or others whose behavior appears suspect; and (3) reporting all violations immediately to the police, regardless of how small a financial loss may be involved. Crime may be here to stay, but its success depends largely on opportunity.

See you at the meeting.