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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT'S DESK

Annual Budget Was Main Topic of Discussion At May Board Meeting



The main topic of discussion at this month's Board meeting was the 1999-2000 annual budget. After a long debate of trying to lower expenses and generate more income, the budget was voted on and passed unanimously. It will show a loss of about \$1,900 which will have to be covered by adding money from our savings account to achieve a balanced budget. The savings has the money to cover the loss this year, but we will not be able to continue to draw from our savings account for very long.

One of the solutions to the shortfall was to increase the cost of the monthly meetings because this is one area where we lose money. With the new format of having speakers at the monthly meetings next year, additional money will be needed to support the program. The Board decided on a close vote that the meetings, starting this summer, will cost \$30. The other solution as mentioned in previous correspondence is to raise membership dues. This may be done one year at a time or may be a certain amount to cover a three to five-year frame. These questions will be answered at next month's Board meeting. A decision will be made on how to cover the deficit and balance the budget.

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I would like to thank Mike Brower and Hillcrest Country Club for hosting the May meeting and providing the use of their golf course for our event. Mike also gave a very informative speech on some of the construction that has taken place during the last few years at Hillcrest.

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Thanks also go out to Jim Nicol, CGCS, Hazeltine National Golf Club, for the excellent p.r. he gave superintendents by being a guest on KFAN Radio's "Tee to Green" with Dan Cole and Craig Waryan on April 18. We hope to have more MGCSA members on this weekly show in the future.

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Please keep Pat Walton in your prayers. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Fortunately it is not cancerous and hopefully, with treatment he will be well soon.

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On behalf of the association I would like to extend condolences to Brian Mowry and his family. Brian's 3-year-old daughter, Alysso Jo, passed away in May.

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Our next meeting is at Benson Golf Club. Hope to see a good turnout!

— Thomas Fischer, CGCS
MGCSA President

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