

General Meeting

September 28, 2025

Called to Order: 4:35pm

Opening Prayer: Jesanya Menzies (Secretary)

Minutes for July 13, 2025 was summarized by President Karim Sewell

Statement of Accounts

The fourth quarter Statement of Accounts was shared by Madam President. The highlights of the report are that there was \$648,219.47 in the general funds as at August 10, 2025 while there was \$235,227.20 reserved for the Wall Project. The total was \$883,446.67.

Tag Drive

An update was given on the Tag Drive. Seven Hundred and twenty tags were generated to raise Three Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars, however, only 171 (23%) of the tags were sold for \$85,500.00.

Review of Back to School Treat 2025

The President expressed appreciation on behalf of the citizens of Whitewater Meadows to the sponsors and volunteers of the Back to School Treat. The sponsors were: Grace Kennedy Food Limited, Bacchus Engineering, Cash Biz, caretaker Kurt Matthews and 832 Rent. Some funds were used from the General Pool of funds as well. Over eighty packages were given to the children. She expressed thanks to the executive team and volunteers that made the event a success.

Community Development

The president stated that it will take more than 50 residents consistently paying monthly maintenance dues to adequately develop the community. She also charged the residents to give more support to fundraiser events and contribute their voluntary service to help develop the community.

She used Magil Palm as an example. That scheme did not start out as a gated community but they have installed an electronic gate and residents who pay dues have electronic gate passes. They worked together to build the perimeter wall and set up the gate.

In chat: Trim Trending Fashion mentioned that, 'Angels's Phase 1 has a gate without a perimeter wall.'

The president mentioned that the team would like to abolish collections at the gate and set up an NCB Account for direct banks transfers (in addition to the JMMB account) in the future.

Security and Safety

The team will identify a Security Committee that will oversee safety issues. The president has engaged the Spanish Town Police to express the need for police patrol in our community at

least once per week. She was advised by the police that they did not have the manpower and it was suggested that she write to the Commissioner's Office expressing the need for police patrolling.

Upcoming Plans for First Year

1. Improvement to the community park: The Kiwanis Club of St. Andrew partnered with the Whitewater Citizen Association during the last administration to add a seesaw, swing and monkey bars to the park. This administration would like to add lighting and seating.
2. Improve the appearance of the community's entrance: dues is sometimes not enough to maintain the entrance. It costs \$70,000 to cut the entrance and we often times fail to collect \$100,000.
3. Introduce youth engagement initiatives: the residents will be informed of youth engagement activities that are being planned later.
4. Fundraiser initiatives: these will be announced as well.
5. Handing over to parish council: the team is currently exploring this possibility as it has benefits for gaining support from the parish council.

Second Year Plans

1. Continue Fundraising initiatives
2. Installation of additional cameras on our streets
3. Repairing/patching Standhope Road
4. Identify and mobilize a team to lead the multi-purpose court project (includes football field, basket/netball court and jogging trail)

The Ultimate Goal

1. Complete the perimeter wall
2. Security Cameras
3. Security Gate

In chat: Trim Trending Fashion expressed appreciation for the visual that was shown of the ultimate goal, 'that gate is top tier. Let's get it done.'

Petal Thompson, resident, state that the park area is not enclosed and we will need a perimeter wall at the park to secure the park.

Any Other Business

Mr. Shamir Martin and Miss Kimmarnie Hall, Customer Relations Officers from MPM, addressed the residents' concerns about garbage collection. Miss Hall stated that there are challenges with resources (not having enough units and units having mechanical problems). They currently have a backlog and are trying to get back on schedule; which is collecting from each community weekly.

The protocol is that once the unit comes to the community and is full, a scout (a smaller unit) should collect the remaining garbage. President Karim mentioned that sometimes two or three weeks elapse without garbage being collected. She gave a phone number that citizens can contact the Customer Relations Team (876-878-2716).

Resident, M. Blagrove Williams stated that garbage cannot be collected for the entire scheme in one day and also mentioned that she has never witnessed weekly collection. Miss Hall apologized and mentioned that they are trying to get back on track. The president thanked the team for addressing the residents.

Commendations

M. Blagrove Williams commended the team for their hard work and acknowledged the year one and two plans. She stated that each community has its own culture and ethos. Whitewater Meadows is motivated by projects, such as the Wall Project. The dues is just cutting the lawn. Projects give the citizens the opportunity to rally around a cause. They need to be sold a project, she concluded.

Projects

Resident, Petal Thompson, stated that the association could open a Project Fund which persons can donate to.

In chat: Treasurer Ronia opted to conduct a survey online.

President Karim mentioned that Devon Thawe is the current Project Manager and that there are potential donors who are willing to donate to projects.

In Chat: Trim Trending said ‘we don’t have to close off the community to have a gate and that’s where we become complacent.

Resident Paul stated that that every month there was a Night Out when the community sold juice and had a social gathering. Even the shop would agree not to sell juice during the event so that the event could prosper. He wanted to know if that initiative could be revived?

In chat: Petal stated that she pays more than \$1500. If there was a project fund, she would be willing to put the excess money into the project fund.

Ronia mentioned in the chat that she loved the Night Out suggestion.

Trim Trending: People were buying into the Wall Project although they were not paying their dues. Show the residents something, he said. He lamented that Devon dropped the baton when he paused the Wall Project.

Clifton Thomas mentioned that he is a proponent of the project but it will be difficult without the dues. We need to collect enough dues to take care of the basic needs of the community.

In chat: S Black-Pinnock posited that Mr. Thawe did not drop any baton (in response to Trim): A RESIDENT DESTROYED THE WALL; which I think is now a legal matter.

President Karim highlighted the need for more support from more residents.

Trim argued that the past administrations have a poor reputation. Some residents had bad experiences with the past administration.

In her defense, president Karim stated categorically that the team is very transparent.

In Chat: Janeen Taylor wrote, 'which areas of the community are open? Measurements, cost to have the total perimeter covered? That's where we need to start.'

Garwaine argued that the original plan had a gate at Standhope Road. He said that even Google maps shows an entrance there.

In chat: Deneise Sealey replied, 'foolish', 'safety first, no gate at Standhope.'

Garwaine went on to state that having one entrance is hazardous. When there is heavy traffic on Old Harbour Road an alternate route would be beneficial. He also mentioned that there was money air-marked for developing Standhope Park that the residents of Standhope personally gave into and nothing came of it. Also, the waste from the Wall Project was not removed.

In Chat: Jesanya Menzies, 'there is still \$50,000 from that Project reserved for Standhope park'

In Chat: Petal, 'so [you] don't participate in the entrance because you want your own entrance.'

Captain Chin: We should strive to build and make better what is already done instead of finding faults let us work together.

Ronia mentioned that the administration has not dropped the ball but the malicious destruction of the wall is a legal matter (in response to Trim Trending)

Petal Thompson: When WW was handed over, it was not granted an entrance from Sydenham. Google takes persons to dead ends.

The restrictive covenants never guaranteed an entrance on Standhope.

Captain Chin: The original entrance was Sydenham but residents protested. The entrance was shifted to Hartlands Road (a road was cut through the sugarcane land). Standhope was an emergency access route. He suggested arbitration as it takes 6 to 12 years for legal matters to be resolved and that route is expensive. Arbitration is a quicker, cheaper route. He encouraged the administration to think wisely, slowly.

Petal stated that Standhope area is affected by flooding.

Oniel Williams raised the concern that the drain close to the park, has not been cleaned for a while. Climate change is upon us and the park needs fencing to separate us from Chedwin (for security reasons).

Improper Dumping

Karim made a complaint that an executive saw someone dumping near the football field and near the entrance. We are asking persons not to dump on these areas.

Someone said in the chat: thank you Captain Chin. Wisdom expressed not sentiments. This is a balanced approach.

In chat: Deniese Sealey: They should be charged. My God this is disgusting (in response to President Karim's report on improper dumping).

In chat: Turners Trucking, 'any other entrance besides the main entrance, is not good for the community, without having 24 hour security.'

Garwaine Johnson: People bought property on Standhope with that as an entrance

Petal demanded proof.

Garwaine asked the executives to meet with Standhope.

Oniel Williams mentioned that there is a toll entrance and exit being constructed to Hartlands Road which will lead to increase traffic in the area. Persons will want to use the community as a through road if Standhope has an entrance.

In chat: Paul mentioned that he, 'love to see and hear what is happening. I like this. This is the way forward. Everyone has a say.'

Karie asked for an update on Mail box. She said that there were plans for the community to get mails directly to their mailbox. Currently, she receives her mails at someone else's address but wanted an update on postal services.

Leon responded, they have commenced delivering mails.

President Karim made her closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.