



Crawford • Marlborough • Nakoma
Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Second Annual Meeting September 27, 2017

1. President Mary Odell welcomed residents and introduced members of the CMNNA board.
2. Sue Reget discussed the accomplishments and goals of the CMNNA (see backside of agenda)
3. Treasurer's Report: Kim Kindschi stated our account has \$400.00 in it. That amount was donated by board members so that a bank account could be opened for the CMNNA at an amount that would allow free use. He would like to repay board members and hopes our fundraising activities will allow that to happen.
4. Margie Zutter presented the sponsorship grid that has been developed. Feedback from residents asked if a \$100.00 level might be appropriate? Some felt that was too small of an amount, and that people could donate money to our organization. Are donations tax deductible? They are not as we have not filed for that status. Margie said that can take about \$600.00 and require much paperwork. There was much discussion on donations to the local schools. Some felt a grant idea might work, as sponsorship/donation money could go to a general pot and schools could apply for an amount for a specific need. Having a donation to our schools can be seen as a positive reason businesses or individuals may want to contribute to the CMNNA, and not just to maintain the association. One board member mentioned that one goal the CMNNA should have is to develop a relationship with our neighborhood schools.
5. Kevin Pomeroy led the discussion of revising the bylaws. Considerable discussion centered around the issue of getting a full board by having each of the 6 sections of the neighborhood elect 1 representative and then having any resident willing to serve be designated as an "at large representative." **(Section VI sub section D under Membership Meeting)**
There needs to be clarification about which board members elected last year serve for 1 or 2 years. It was mentioned that there is a need for continuity of board members for several years so that the association is well served. One comment suggested flexibility be built in by allowing the President to appoint board members when needed.
Under Section X, Authority, it was noted that the sentence "If a majority of Board Members cannot agree..... is redundant. The first sentence of that section should suffice.
Under Section XII, Amendments, the word **posted on the website 5 days in advance** should be sufficient to alert CMNNA members of revisions to the bylaws.

6. Various board members highlighted the four designated committees of CMNNA

Neighborhood Safety: Ralph Stamler

Land Use and Transportation: Carol Buelow and Kevin Pomeroy

Membership and Events: Sue Reget

Information, Education and Communication: Sue Reget

7. Questions and Answers

What is the difference between the Nakoma League and the CMNNA? Mary Odell discussed the history of the Nakoma League and its historic mission being one that continues-a social and philanthropic organization. There is basically no overlap between the two organizations. The CMNNA focuses on being a liaison between the association residents and city officials.

There was a discussion about the status of sidewalks being installed on Chippewa Drive. Some residents do not want them installed. The city seems to think this is a “small project” and doesn’t necessitate notifying residents when work is slated.

8. Election of CMNNA Board Members

Area 1 – Zachary Henak

Area 2 – Mary Odell – President

Area 2 – Andrew Schroeder

Area 3 – Kim Kindschi – Treasurer

Area 3 – Kevin Pomeroy

Area 4 – Margie Zutter

Area 4 – Sandra Beaupre

Area 5 – Trish Iaccarino

Area 6 – Sue Reget - Secretary

Area 6 – Edward Lightbourn

At Large – Carol Buelow (Area 6)

At Large - Ralph Stamler (Area 4)

At Large – Sharon Koenig (Area 3)

At Large – Patricia Stinger (Area 3)

Respectfully submitted

Sue Reget

