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CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes December 3, 2018

Board Members Present: LaVonne Bennett, Carol Buelow, Zachary Henak, Marian Hessman, Mary Odell, Kevin Pomeroy, Patricia Stinger, Karen Zweizig

Board Member(s) Absent: Sandy Beaupre, Sharon Koenig, Andrew Schroeder

Guest(s): Pamela Wilson

1. Call to Order: President Odell called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm at the Sequoya Library.
2. Roll Call: Roll call by Secretary Hessman established a quorum.
3. **Action Item** - Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved without revisions.
4. **Action Item** - Approval of the Draft Minutes for November 2018 meeting: Zachary Henak moved that the draft minutes be approved. LaVonne Bennett seconded. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment: Pamela Wilson of Westminster Presbyterian reported on several needs that the children at the local schools have.
 1. Snowpants – Westminster seeks to donate 119 pairs of snowpants to Thoreau. They need 10 in adult sizes.
 2. Adopt-a-school fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Dec 16. Shop there, even in the coffee shop, and mention Thoreau, and the school will get a percentage of the day's profits.
 3. On Dec 12, the Monroe St Gates and Brovi will host "Cherokee Dines Out". Mention Cherokee and 15% of receipts will go to the school – either dine in or carry out.
 4. The crockpot class will be held Jan 15, using some of the assets from the Cherokee food pantry. They are still in need of crockpots; they have 17 and need 5 more.
6. Announcements: Mary Odell announced that the 2019 meetings will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The first meeting will be January 7, 7-8:30 pm.
7. CMNNA Financial Report : CMNNA received donations totaling \$145 from 2 donors. Our funds currently total \$945.41

Action Item – Carol Buelow motioned that the financial report be accepted. Pat Stinger seconded, and the motion was passed.

Zachary reported that he is beginning the budgeting process for 2019 and requested that each committee determine (as far as possible) what they foresee spending in the next year.

Mary reported that the Westminster Presbyterian Church was promised a contribution as a thank-you for the use of their spaces. An amount needs to be agreed upon. After discussion re our meager resources, Marian motioned that we allot \$100 for the church. Kevin seconded and the motion carried.

8. Mayor's Neighborhood Conference Reports: The CMNNA sent 4 representatives (LaVonne, Marian, Mary, Zachary) to the Neighborhood Conference on Nov 17. The attendees reported on the workshops they attended. LaVonne and Marian brought written reports which the secretary will hold for members' review. Mary and Zachary gave oral reports. The workshops' topics covered a wide range, for example: transportation issues (inadequacy of current bus garage), pedestrian safety, addressing the stigma of opioid addiction, neighborhood leadership, coping with flooding, and the changes planned for the city budget – having more categories tied to performance, trying to target outcomes more effectively.

9. Committee Reports :

1. Safe Streets: Zachary Henak is tabulating the results of the survey and wants the committee to meet.

2. Storm Water and Infrastructure: Mary Odell is looking for members. Suggestion that it might be nice to have someone from Thoreau, since the school takes the brunt of any runoff. Another idea would be to host a watershed/flooding forum.

3. Green Spaces: LaVonne Bennett plans to talk to Linda Horvath re neighborhood signs. One local artist is Raymond Roberts on Yuma.

Carol Buelow brought up the possibility that the Greenspace committee and the Butterfly Garden committee might merge since they have similar goals, and it would be a natural way to look over the whole neighborhood. She also wants to get feedback from the board on the garden's rainwater collection system. Could require expenditure to construct a raingarden, and might need a permit from Wisconsin DoT. The garden is being certified as a Monarch Waystation. LaVonne motioned that the proposed Monarch Waystation plaque be funded, at a cost of \$40. After discussion the motion was carried.

10. Filling Vacancies on the Board: Status of Andrew is uncertain. Zachary believes his neighbor Matt would be willing to step in, and will discuss it with him.

11. Fundraising: Margie talked to Susan Stoehr. Zachary will talk to Oak Park Place re a donation; also to Brad Bodden. Kevin has paid the yearly rent on our PO Box (\$82) as his donation to the CMNNA.

12. Oak Park Place: CMNNA will send some representatives to the Oak Park Place open house.

13. Adjournment: LaVonne motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried.

Minutes approved 7 Jan 2019