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CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2018

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

Board Member(s) Absent: 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: LaVonne Bennett moved that the submitted Agenda be approved. Karen Zweizig seconded the motion. Agenda was approved without revisions.
4. **Action Item** - Approval of the Draft Minutes for October 2018 meeting: No minutes for October have been submitted. Current Secretary will ask former Secretary if any notes exist.
5. Public Comment: Pamela Wilson of Westminster Presbyterian reported on the results of the Westminster-led, CMNNA-supported drive to supply the food bank at Cherokee Middle School. A related crockpot collection netted 15, 2 of them supplied by CMNNA's Mary Odell. The organizers plan to host a crockpot cooking class and have each student take home a crockpot at the end of class.
Future food drives are planned with CMNNA's possible involvement.
Current needs are: 3 alarm clocks (working) – can drop at church or school; any type of fishing gear (currently have 12 rods for 74 students).
6. Announcements:
 1. Mary Odell announced that the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference is taking place Nov 17. Four CMNNA board members plan to attend.
 2. Norma Hove and Sue Reget will be collecting food for the middle school in December.
7. CMNNA Financial Report - Update and **Action Item**: Zach reported that we are at \$925.25 after annual dues and SurveyMonkey. The CMNNA received more than \$500 in donations after the annual meeting.

He also reported that he is switching our bank to UWCU since its fees are lower and access/parking is better.

Discussion re getting corporate sponsors – now is the time to talk to small businesses re sponsoring us. Suggestion that Zach contact Brad Bodden.

8. Survey Monkey Results: Zach reported that he paid for annual access, and is experimenting matching survey question results to the CMNNA committee that works the issue. Possibly can put a summary of CMNNA survey results into the Nakoma League “Under the Oaks” newsletter.

9. Traffic Committee Report : Sharon Koenig, LaVonne, and Alder Cheeks met with Madison Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr. They discussed the email sent by the committee. Options considered: speed signs, paint crosswalks, yellow blinking light – question as to where it would go. One option, the “your speed is...” sign, is only installed in school districts so doesn’t apply in the Winslow/Seminole Hwy situation. Tom Mohr said that he would look into anything else that might be done and get back to the committee. As of the CMNNA monthly meeting, 2 weeks after the Traffic Engineer, they hadn’t heard back from him.

10. Butterfly Garden Open House Report: Carol Buelow reported that there is a summary of the Open House on the CMNNA website with photos. Susan Rutter had some expenses totaling under \$50. LaVonne motioned that she be reimbursed, Kevin seconded, and the motion was passed.

11. CMNNA Sign Project (New Business): LaVonne reported that at the Traffic Committee’s meeting with Tom Mohr, one idea was to put a neighborhood sign up at the intersection of Seminole and the Beltline. Linda Horvath of the Planning Division handles neighborhood signs. There is a city grant program for neighborhood signs; applications are due in Dec/Jan. The sign could be artist-designed, for an approximate cost of \$7000-10,000. Alternatively a sign company would be \$3000-5000. When you apply for a grant, creativity weighs heavily in the scoring. In order to place the sign, we would need a permit from the organization owning the property under the sign. Sandy volunteered to help with the application – says that getting permission for placement on state land is a lengthy process.

12. Consideration of Committee Chairs (New Business): The Board considered which committees were needed for the 2018-19 term (some continuing from last term, some reconfigured, some new) – and which board members would serve as coordinator for each committee. Results:

- Traffic Committee: Sharon Koenig
- Storm Water and Infrastructure: Mary Odell
- Fundraising: Zach Henak
- Programs: Marian Hessman
- Green Spaces: LaVonne Bennett
- Safe Streets: Zachary Henak
- Bylaws: LaVonne
- Communication and Outreach: Kevin, assisted by Zach.
- Good Neighbor Program: Sandy

13. Doncaster Park Project Update (New Business): Zach noted that the Doncaster Park playground equipment needed updating. After discussion with President Mary Odell, he contacted the Parks Department and learned that equipment replacement had been included in the City of Madison Parks 2019 Capital Budget. He also learned that the Nakoma Park 2013 playground replacement had raised excess

funds which could only be used in the same neighborhood. Since both parks are in the same neighborhood, the money could be transferred into the fund for Doncaster Park. LaVonne motioned to endorse Zach's work and the motion passed.

14. City-Wide Neighborhood Conference Saturday November 17 (New Business): This topic was covered in the announcements (see item 6).

15. Next Meeting (New Business): Sequoya Library, December 3, 7pm.

16. Adjournment: Motion by Zach to adjourn approved at 8:41.