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Neighborhood Association

CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2019

Board Members Present: Carol Buelow, Zachary Henak, Marian Hessman, Sharon Koenig, Mary Odell, Andrew Schroeder, Patricia Stinger, Karen Zweizig

Board Member(s) Absent: Sandy Beaupre, LaVonne Bennett, Kevin Pomeroy

Guest(s): Kristin Johnson, Pamela Wilson

Call to Order: President Odell called the meeting to order shortly after 7pm at Westminster Presbyterian.

Roll Call: Roll call by Secretary Hessman established a quorum.

Action Item - Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved without revisions.

Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for December 2018 meeting: Karen Zweizig moved that the draft minutes be approved. Sharon Koenig seconded. Motion carried.

1. **Updates** - Public Comment:

Pamela Wilson reported that the Cherokee Middle School food pantry has been happy with the results of the recent food drive – it has increased the diversity of food items available at the pantry. They are still short of the number of crockpots they need for the cooking class.

Action – Zachary will put a post asking for crockpots on the CMNNA website and Marian will post the same to NextDoor.

2. **Updates** - Announcements: Sharon reported that she will miss the Feb meeting and possibly March also.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – CMNNA has received a check for \$50, which brings our assets to \$995.41. However, that total may not include the goodwill donation to the church, so our total may be \$895.41.

4. **Action Item** – Move CMNNA bank account to UW Credit Union. Mary Odell reported that the UW Credit Union offers a type of account that may be more suited to a small organization like ours. If we

switch, it should cost the CMNNA less to maintain. Would require EIN from our current bank. Our account requires President (Mary Odell) and Treasurer (Zachary Henak) both to sign. Sharon Koenig motioned that we move the account to UW Credit Union; Andrew Schroeder seconded; the motion was carried.

5. **Committee Reports –**

Butterfly/Greenspace Committee: Carol is starting some seeding of native wildflowers for the butterfly garden. The seed purchase is her donation to the CMNNA. Has been working through the issue of rainwater collection; options are barrel collection, or a rain garden for management. Will meet the DOT on Jan 9 to discuss issues. If rain barrels are used, may need to modify DOT piping to install the rain barrels. If rain garden is chosen, may need to do some dirt shifting which might require machinery. The owner of a local tree service lives on Cherokee and we might approach him for assistance/advice. Suggestion that the area might make a good site for Make Music Madison.

Traffic Committee: Sharon said that the electronic speed sign outside the Arboretum was not placed there at our request. It is owned by the Police Department Midtown District but it doesn't tabulate speeds – it just measures and displays, it has no memory to store the recorded speeds. Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr has been busy with re-opening Monroe St, but now that that is complete, Sharon hopes we will see some progress in our area and has emailed him to touch base. We are looking for: clearing out brush for better sightlines, signs warning of blind intersection, checking to see if an electric line is still there (from the blinking light that was removed). One thing that will have to wait for spring is having the crosswalk repainted with big white stripes on downhill side of Winslow (to make it more visible when coming downhill on Seminole).

6. **CMNNA Survey Monkey Update** – Zachary reported that the survey results are lengthy and while he has a hardcopy printout in a binder, he thinks it is better to view it in softcopy. The board members can review the survey results to help determine CMNNA-wide or specific committee goals for 2019.

7. **Fundraising:** Margie Zutter will help out with fundraising but as she is not on the Board, we need someone from the Board to work with her. We need to re-sign our current sponsors and find new ones. Suggestion to include a request for donations from residents. Andrew will chair the fundraising committee.

8. **Alder Candidates Forum:** Marian and Mary will work on setting up this forum. Needs to be held before early voting starts.

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

(minutes approved on 4 Feb 2019)