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## Neighborhood Association

### CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019

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

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

**Guest(s):** Pete Long, Pamela Wilson

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

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

**2. Action Item - Approval of the Agenda:** Kevin Pomeroy moved that the Agenda be approved, seconded by LaVonne Bennett. Agenda was approved without revisions.

**3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for January 2018 meeting:** Request that one person, identified by first name only, have last name added. With this revision, Carol Buelow moved that the draft minutes be approved. Kevin Pomeroy seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comment:**

Area 6 resident Pete Long was introduced.

Pamela Wilson reported that the Cherokee Middle School food pantry crockpot class has had to be cancelled due to the weather. They are hoping to reschedule it at some time in the future. The next food drive is Feb 16. They are still in need of utensils – things like can openers, large spoons, etc.

**5. Committee Reports –**

**A. President**

**1. Social media program** Our goal is to find a way to get more people to our website, to get our information out and to increase support for the organization. Mary has talked with people in the Regent Association – they use a listserv. Discussion re whether we want it to be 1-way, 2-way, how

often would we want to send out updates? Discussion re NextDoor and the function it serves. Point was made that what it calls “Nakoma” is in fact the CMNNA area – might we try to get them to append CMNNA to the Nakoma name, so people reading will understand it’s not only Nakoma?

**2. Neighborhood Grant Program** Mary and LaVonne attended a neighborhood grant information meeting, to learn how to develop a grant to help us with the cost of creating and installing a sign announcing the CMNNA – ideally located near the Badger Tavern, so people coming up Seminole Hwy or from the Beltline offramp would see it. LaVonne is working to learn who owns the property that we hope to use (it’s a different permit process depending on who the owner is). She also has some leads on artists who might be willing to work with us to design/create the sign. The application must be in by March 4.

### **B. Treasurer Report**

Mary proposed that we standardize our monthly Treasurer’s report, and passed out a sample to illustrate how she thinks it might look.

Zachary reported that he received a verbal offer from Oak Park Place for a sponsorship. He also received a thank you note from the Cherokee Heights Middle School food pantry.

### **C. Committee Reports:**

**Traffic:** Forestry Dept will clear out brush on side of Seminole Hwy in spring. Also in spring, repaint walk with wider stripes and maybe add some more 25 MPH signs. They say they “will try.” For what they have agreed to do, the funding is there – they are just waiting for the weather, and they have confirmed this in writing to us.

**Safe Streets:** no updates this month

**Storm Water:** Mary leafletted around 30 people; 4 responded. It’s a start!

**Fundraising:** Zachary resigns as Chair of the Fundraising committee (he will sit in on meetings in his capacity as Treasurer). Margie Zutter has offered to help with fundraising, perhaps she can serve as ad hoc Chair – she could come to meetings; she’d just have no voting capacity. Ask her if she would allow us to put her contact info on the website. Zachary has a suggestion for a fundraiser – Breakfast in the Butterfly Garden

**Green Spaces:** Carol met with the DOT maintenance engineer. The DOT will work with us on the rain garden design (we must apply for a permit, so the design is important). As to the rainwater that is coming off the ramp, the Engineer liked the idea of an underground cistern but who would pay for it? She has met with a retired Arboretum staff person, Molly Fifield-Murray, who is interested in helping us. Molly is a landscape architect with rain garden experience.

**Communications and Outreach:** Kevin has been sending out updates re the food pantry collections, and we will be publicizing the Aldermanic forum through the month of February.

**Neighborhood Watch:** no updates this month

**Bylaws Committee:** LaVonne is working on the updates. If anyone has suggestions of changes to be considered, they can send them to her. All changes will be presented at our annual meeting for a vote.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Vacancies:** LaVonne nominated that Kevin Pomeroy become the VP. Zachary seconded. The motion carried.

**B. Survey Monkey results:** Mary provided with her own analysis of the results; we will discuss this in March.

## **7. New Business**

**A. District 10 Candidate Forum** – Marian and Mary have set the forum up for March 4, pending a vote to reschedule our own Board meeting.

**B. March Board Meeting** – Marian moved that the March Board meeting be changed to March 11 at our regular time (7-8:30). LaVonne seconded and the motion carried.

**8. Announcements:** none

**9. Adjournment:** Lavonne motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried.

*(minutes approved on 11 Mar 2019)*