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Neighborhood Association

CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes May 6, 2019

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

Board Member(s) Absent: Sandy Beaupre, Pat Stinger

Guest(s): Pamela Wilson

1. Call to Order: Vice-President Pomeroy 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: LaVonne Bennett moved that the Agenda be approved. Sharon seconded. Motion carried.

3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for April 2019 meeting: LaVonne moved that the draft minutes be approved. Karen seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

Pamela Wilson reported that for the upcoming Nakoma Yard Sale on May 11, Beth Testa of the Pink Poodle will be setting up a tent in the WPC parking lot. The Thoreau PTO is also joining the yard sale.

The church is partnering with Brad Bodden for the Thoreau weekend food program. The proposed start is October, and before then they need to raise about 3 yrs' funding, or \$31,000.

The church has decided to sponsor a group for Make Music Madison – Moldy Jam Old Time String Band, from 4:45-5:45.

The church will sponsor a trip to the Mallards baseball game on June 26. Info is on the church website, and payment of \$31 is due by June 10.

Comment from Alder Henak: Would like to bring all the Neighborhood/Community Assns in District 10 together in meetings, maybe one a month at the library – nothing formal.

May 2 there was a fire on Carling Drive, 15 residents of a multi-unit building were displaced.

An 8th grader wrote that the railings on the bridge over the creek on Cherokee were coming off; they are being replaced.

5. Committee Reports –

A. President

CMNNA and Oak Park Place have 4 acts for Make Music Madison: Hoot n Annie, Vested Interest, Cajun Spice, and On the Fence – running from 10 am all the way to 5pm.

Oak Park Place has sent out a mailing re the Monarch Butterfly forum we have organized and they are hosting.

B. Treasurer Report - Zachary reported that our account contained \$1001.55 in funds at the end of the month. He did write one check, to the Green Spaces committee, but it hasn't been cashed yet. We also received two donations.

The Nakoma League has agreed to split the costs of our annual Survey Monkey subscription.

Zachary is now a member of the City Council so he wishes to resign as Treasurer. Carol motioned that we accept the resignation, LaVonne seconded. Motion carried.

LaVonne nominated Karen Zweizig to replace Zachary as Treasurer. Sharon seconded the motions. Karen graciously accepted the nomination, and the vote carried unanimously. Zachary, Mary, and Karen will visit the bank next week to accomplish the official handover.

C. Committee Reports:

Traffic: Sharon Koenig – Has contacted Tom Mohr for update on promised work. They are waiting for the trees to leaf out. After a resident complained, a new stop sign was placed at the intersection of Mandan Crescent and Tumalo. The Traffic Committee will contact Pete Long, who came to an earlier meeting, to ask him to participate.

Safe Streets: Zachary Henak motioned that we dissolve Safe Streets, as its functions are duplicated by other committees such as Traffic. Mary seconded. The Ayes carried, but we did have one abstention.

Storm Water: Mary Odell – attended a meeting on the Wingra Watershed. Has also started conversation with Friends of Lake Wingra – hoping to team with them on watershed issues. Would like to have a group meeting with a “kid component” to engage the neighborhood children as well as their parents.

Fundraising: Open Chair – Still need to contact last year's sponsors to ask them if they would like to renew. Need to make personal visits, not just email or phone.

Green Spaces: Carol Buelow – Has the permit for the rain garden and the new Monarch Waystation sign has been installed. Karen and Carol met with Molly Fifield-Murray to discuss design and plan for the coming season. Most plants will be grown from seed or Plant Dane donations, so she will be installing towards the end of summer. The first work session had 8 volunteers plus Carol.

Communications and Outreach: Kevin Pomeroy – busy month, updating website. Sent out email re recent forum and will do another for May forum. He reminded the Board that you must subscribe to receive the emails; it's not automatic even to Board members.

Good Neighbor: Sandy Beaupre – No updates this month.

Bylaws Committee: LaVonne Bennett – The committee will send out the proposed revisions to the entire board next week so we can discuss them at the June meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

Planning for Wingra forum – October? Fall?

7. New Business –

A. would like to recognize (on website) people who have contributed work and assistance.

B. Prospective board members will be nominated in July.

8. Announcements: Oak Park Place can use Next Door if they register as a business.

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

(Minutes approved on 3 June 2019)