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## Neighborhood Association

### CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2019

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

**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 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 without revisions. Motion carried.

**3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for February 2018 meeting:** Corrections were offered for draft minutes items 5C (Committee Reports) and 8 (announcements). With those revisions, Zachary Henak moved that the draft minutes be approved. LaVonne Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comment:**

Pamela Wilson reported that the Cherokee Middle School food pantry crockpot class was held on Feb 19. The 20 participants were all given a crockpot to take home, in addition to a can opener, large spoon, cutting board and measuring cups/spoons.

Thank you to the CMNNA for organizing the recent food drive to benefit the CHMS food pantry.

Food for Thought Initiative (the group running the CHMS Food Pantry). Asks for donations for a silent auction.

Madison Teachers Inc. (MTI) are sponsoring the Bowlathon on Sunday April 7, 12-3 P.M. Sign-up information is on the MTI website.

CHMS Fundraiser - April 10 - Panera - Fitchburg location.

Just Bakery is at Westminster the third Sunday of the month. Westminster wants to get their full schedule so we can announce all locations (they also come to Midvale Lutheran Church).

## **5. Committee Reports –**

### **A. President**

A grant has been requested by several Neighborhood Associations for a series of 6 training sessions.

CMNNA grant request for a neighborhood sign has been postponed until next year due to considerations about where it will be sited.

The Parks Department is recruiting volunteers for the Earth Day Challenge on April 27. Madison Parks will provide supplies for volunteers who will work on trash pickup, raking, weeding, and general cleanup.

Sara Flugum of DAIS will speak on Elder Domestic Abuse at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, March 27 at 10am.

### **B. Treasurer Report**

Zachary reported that our bank has been transitioned to UWCU. We have \$1029.30 in funds. Berta Parker of Oak Park Place had offered a donation and we asked that it be one mailing.

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

**Traffic:** Sharon Koenig - Waiting for the snow to melt...

**Safe Streets:** Zachary Henak - no updates this month

**Storm Water:** Mary Odell - no updates this month

**Fundraising:** Open Chair - no updates this month

**Green Spaces:** Carol Buelow – 1<sup>st</sup> draft proposal for the rain garden has been completed.

Karen and Carol met with Molly Fifield-Murray. Basic size around 220 sq ft, 24' long and between 9-12' wide with enough space around it so the mowers can get around it to mow. They are working to identify someone to donate time and machinery for the ground work.

**Communications and Outreach:** Kevin Pomeroy – several posts made to website. Forum was video'd and uploaded to website and Nakoma Neighbors.

**Good Neighbor:** Sandy Beaupre - Participated in a Madison Police Dept. event launching the new Project Good Neighbor website. Several neighborhood association representatives presented their approaches to community safety issues. The MPD had several suggested strategies to improve crime prevention, including a model to enhance communication between adjacent neighbors. Some suggestions for the CMNNA include additional information on our website re: crime; linking to some of the existing crime prevention blogs/data sources; having a neighborhood coffee with a cop. There isn't an easy way to share this information without a regular newsletter, which many associations use. We could use our website, listserv, or possibly distribute hardcopy materials house to house, perhaps using a one-time newsletter-style notice. No specific decision was made.

**Bylaws Committee:** LaVonne Bennett – The committee has finished their suggested revisions and will present them to the Board at the June meeting.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Vacancies:** Andrew Schroeder (Area 2) has submitted his resignation. Fundraising committee needs a new Chair. Discussion of whether a committee needs to be chaired by a Board Member. Consensus: No, but each committee needs to have at least one Board Member on it. Mary will contact Margie Zutter to ask her to participate.

**B. Survey Monkey contacts:** Mary contacted the people who gave contact information on our survey.

## **7. New Business**

**A. Critique of District 10 Candidate Forum** – Participant comments included disappointment that their question didn't get asked (had turned in early, later questions were asked). Also suggestion that candidates alternate who answered first, instead of at halftime. One person wanted to ask his question personally instead of writing it.

**B. Make Music Madison** – Will be at Oak Park Place on Friday 21 June. Looking for musicians that can supply a mix of music. David Briles was suggested.

**8. Announcements:** April 1 is next meeting.

**9. Adjournment:** Carol motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:40.

*(minutes approved on 1 April 2019)*