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Neighborhood Association

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CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Westminster Church 4100 Nakoma Road December 2, 2019 7pm to 9 pm

Board Members Present: Rachel Barker, LaVonne Bennett, Carol Buelow, Dennis Comerford, Marian Hessman, Mary Odell, Susan Ridley, Karen Zweizig

Board Member(s) Absent: J Humphries, Kevin Pomeroy

1A. 7pm Call to Order by the President:

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

1B. Roll Call by Secretary to establish Quorum:

Roll call by Secretary Hessman established a quorum (1 more than half of full board).

2. Approval of the Agenda for December 2, 2019:

Susan moved that the agenda be approved. LaVonne seconded and the motion passed.

3. Approval of the November 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes – motion

Dennis motioned that the amended minutes be accepted, Carol seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Public Comment 5 minutes a person (No Board discussion except to request an item be placed on the agenda) : President Odell reported for **Pamela Wilson**, our regular guest attendee, that the Cherokee Middle School food pantry is planning to hold another crockpot cooking class. Mary is seeking an update on the results of the previous class; do we know that any of the students were able to use the crockpots in their homes?

5. Reports –

A. Report of the President , Mary Odell – Mary has received a letter from Friends of Lake Wingra informing us that a group of UW grad students are working on a project to raise the level of consciousness on salt usage around the UW campus. She will forward us a link to a survey we can take to help them gather data.

B.Treasurer's Report by Karen Zweizig – Karen reported that there was no activity in our account this November.

C. Committee Reports:

The Board noted that there are some differences between the committee names as listed on the website and in the agenda. We probably want to settle on one set of committee names for both locations.

Traffic: Dennis Comerford – Has started working on the issue of people speeding along Nakoma Road.

Storm Water: Mary Odell – Mary took pictures of the construction on Waite Circle.

Fundraising: (Open Chair)

Green Spaces: Carol Buelow – In the off-season, they are working on controlling invasive weeds. The house owner next to the area is going to mow to the sound wall. Carol has also been talking with the people who garden along the bike path. Working on ways to expand street gardens and increase pollinator areas. Rachel has done research on signage and passed along some examples for consideration.

Communications and Outreach: Kevin Pomeroy – No updates.

6. Unfinished Business

Mini-car derby: We decided that the amount needed for liability insurance is more than we can afford, so we will not pursue this activity. Having a bike rodeo is a possibility. Will discuss more at January meeting.

7. New Business:

A. FOLW Salt Presentation: FOLW asks if we want to partner with them (and other neighborhood associations) to have a presentation on becoming more salt-conscious. The presenters would be a group of UW grad students who are working on this issue as it relates to the campus. They are thinking Sequoya Library or possibly even Oak Park Place for venue. Another option might be the church Fellowship Hall. If multiple neighborhoods attend, we will need a place with convenient parking.

B. Letter to the Mayor regarding budget concerns: The Board's letter to the Mayor and Common Council was posted on our website, on Next Door, and the Nakoma Neighbors facebook page. The Next Door posting generated a few responses, but the majority came through Nakoma Neighbors. Since not all Board members have access to this site, Kevin passed on a copy to ensure that each neighbor who took the time to comment, has been heard by the entire board.

C. Goals for the year: Some suggestions are

Gardening goal – choose a conspicuous island and get people to do a native planting.

Communication goal – create and distribute a newsletter (hardcopy so we can place a stack with the other neighborhood newsletters at the library). Fundraise for "CMN" Neighborhood sign.

D. Committee choices, meeting dates and places: Not discussed.

E. Budget for 2019-2020 Part of goals (above).

F. Technology upgrade: List-serv? Discussion postponed until January meeting.

8. Announcements by Board members. (No discussion permitted other than to place on next month's Agenda): No announcements

9. Adjournment: LaVonne motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and Carol seconded.

Minutes approved on January 6, 2020