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CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Westminster Church 4100 Nakoma Road January 6, 2020 7pm to 9 pm

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

Board Member(s) Absent: none

Guests: Zachary Henak, Norma Hove, Pamela Wilson

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

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

2. Approval of the Agenda for January 6, 2020: It was noted that in Item 8, "Announcements," the next meeting's agenda was referred to by the wrong month. Item 8 was modified to indicate that the next agenda will be the February one.

LaVonne moved that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

3. Approval of the December 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes – motion: LaVonne motioned that the minutes be accepted, Susan 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)

Norma Hove reported a concern with this Saturday's food drive for the Cherokee Middle School Food Pantry. With bad weather predicted for the pickup day, there is a question of whether it would be better to reschedule. A decision will be made by Thursday evening.

Pamela Wilson reported that the Thoreau Weekend Food Bag program will be starting up again soon, using Westminster Presbyterian spaces for food storage. She has also learned that one of the CMNNA's longtime supporter, Brad Bodden, is retiring so his American Family Insurance agency will be taken over by Katy Lea.

Alder Zachary Henak reported on December crime issues in District 10. He announced that the Westgate Mall space has found a developer, and that multiple meetings will take place to inform the public about the proposal. He also reminded us that the city has many boards, commissions, and

committees which are open to public membership (city residents). He encourages any interested District 10 resident to apply for one of the open spots.

5. Reports

A. Report of the President , Mary Odell

Mary informed us that we are invited to several informative meetings that will be held throughout the month:

1. Jan 14 – “Plowing and Recycling” at Midvale Community Lutheran Church.
2. Jan 30 – FOLW presents a talk on reducing salt use at Sequoya Public Library
3. Feb 6 – UW Arboretum Winter Enrichment series “Managing Stormwater”

(registration and fee required)

B. Treasurer’s Report by Karen Zweizig

Karen reported that there was no activity in our account this December. LaVonne motioned that we make a \$100 donation to Westminster Presbyterian Church as a thank you for hosting our meetings. Kevin seconded the motion, and it passed.

C. Committee Reports/Updates needs are on-going, so we need to have committees meet regularly

The Board decided that for consistency, the committee names listed in the minutes should be the same as those on the website.

Fundraising/Membership: (Open Chair)

Greenspaces: Carol Buelow – Carol is looking at the Madison's Adopt a Median program, with a view toward adding a new pollinator garden, possibly on the Cherokee Drive median.

Information, Education and Communication: Kevin Pomeroy – Kevin sent out an email detailing upcoming events; there are currently about 200 names on our list.

Neighborhood Safety/Good Neighbor: (Open chair)

Storm Water Infrastructure: Mary Odell – The Waite Circle work has finished.

Transportation and Safe Streets: Dennis Comerford – Mary will forward to Dennis the information she has on city contacts.

6. Unfinished Business

Bike Rodeo: We began discussion of logistics for a Bike Rodeo. J suggested that if we include safe pedestrian behavior as a component. We need to work out the best way to notify people – both neighborhood residents, and pupils at neighborhood schools. In February we will continue brainstorming.

7. New Business

■ Cherokee Heights Middle School Food Drive January 11, 2020 (Discussion occurred during Public Comment.)

■ FOLW Salt Presentation - January 30, Sequoya Library 7-8:30pm (Discussion occurred during the President's report.)

■ Technology upgrade...List-Serv???

J reported on the research and preliminary work he has done re making some alterations to our email and file storage. If we file to become a 501(c)(3) organization, we can get a substantial discount on the services Google offers.

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

Karen requested that Goals be placed on the February agenda.

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

Minutes approved on February 3, 2020