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Neighborhood Association

Since we're Neighbors, Let's Be Friends

Westminster Church 4100 Nakoma Road February 3, 2020 7pm to 9 pm

1A. 7pm Call to Order by the President

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

1 B. Roll Call by Secretary to establish Quorum

Board Members present: Rachel Barker, LaVonne Bennett, Carol Buelow, Marian Hessman, Mary Odell, Kevin Pomeroy, Karen Zweizig

Board members absent: Dennis Comerford, J Humphreys, Susan Ridley

Guests: Pamela Wilson, Alder Zachary Henak

2. Approval of the Agenda for February 3, 2020

LaVonne moved that the Agenda be approved. Kevin seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Approval of the January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes – motion

Carol moved that the draft minutes be accepted, LaVonne seconded. The motion passed.

4. Public Comment 5 minutes a person (No Board discussion except to request an item be placed on the agenda)

Pamela made the following announcements:

1. The church is hosting a Night Out on Mar 8 from 3:30-5:30, with magic, games, and ice cream.
2. During February the church is collecting old pairs of glasses for Lions Club.
3. Thoreau Elementary is having a career day on Feb 21, looking for volunteers to talk to the students about different kinds of work.
4. A food drive for the Cherokee Middle School food pantry will be held Saturday Feb 8.
5. The church is supporting the Salvation Army Women and Childrens' Shelter with clothing donations, especially socks (which can be used). Full details are in the church Newsletter for February 2020, available on the website.

5. Reports

A. Report of the President , Mary Odell February 6 Storm Water Program at Arboretum 9 am ; February 8 Cherokee Heights Middle School Food Drive ; March 8 Game Day at Westminster (Magician, Board Games, Make your Own Sundae)

B. Treasurer's Report by Karen Zweizig Treasurer's Report plus In-Motion Hosting charges

During January, our only expense was the \$100 goodwill donation we made to Westminster Presbyterian Church. We currently have \$1505.97 in our bank account.

Kevin reported that the website hosting agreement was due for renewal in January. The fee is reduced if we sign up for 3 years, so he paid for the term from 2020-2023. LaVonne motioned that he be reimbursed for the expense; Carol seconded; the motion passed.

C. Committee and Administrative Reports and Updates:

a. Fundraising / Membership

Mary attended the Open House given by Katy Lea, who has taken over the American Family Insurance office formerly run by our sponsor Brad Bodden. Mary introduced herself to Katy Lea and gave her a packet of CMNNA info. She has initiated contact with Badger Tavern and Dorn Hardware.

b. Green Spaces

Carol has submitted an Adopt-A-Median application.

Rachel reported that the Grant Subcommittee has determined that our goal of “placemaking” in the pollinator/butterfly/rain gardens can be served by adding interpretive signs and Leopold benches for human visitors, and birdhouses and bat boxes for animal habitat. The grant application is due Mar 2. Carol is talking to State Highway Engineering Dept to confirm whether our existing permit will still be in effect for these potential new improvements.

c. Information, Education and Communications

Kevin continues to update our website with timely CMNNA and neighborhood news.

d. Neighborhood Safety/Good Neighbors

No report.

e. Storm water Infrastructure presentation of proposal to the City

Mary has noted that the medians on both Cherokee and Chippewa Blvds are overgrown, with many examples of invasive bushes. Per City guidelines they should be trimmed back 40 feet for visibility (people driving in this area, and young children walking to Thoreau, need to be able to see each other). Several dead trees have also fallen into the drainage channels which impedes flow and contributes to flooding. Kevin motioned that we initiate a taskforce/project to address improvement of the blocks of Cherokee and Chippewa near the Thoreau crosswalks. LaVonne seconded and the motion passed. Mary will talk to the school.

f. Transportation and Safe Streets

No report.

6. Unfinished Business

Formulation of Goals for cmnna.org 2020-2021

Greater visibility in the neighborhood – possibilities include newsletter, QR codes at the message boards we plan to build, putting information sheets in Little Free Libraries (need to confirm with parent org if this is allowed). Can also ask to partner with Nakoma League’s *Under the Oaks* newsletter and include our own 1-page insert.

Improve participation among neighbors – contact new families as they move into our area. Sponsor a game night (example: teach people euchre). Continue to sponsor forums (can repeat topics of continued interest). Encourage non-homeowning residents to participate, such as renters and permanent Oak Park Place residents.

Work to build relationships with City and other Neighborhood Associations. Explore impact of development on historic neighborhoods (this was one reason the CMNNA was founded). The City is developing a Historic Preservation Plan – we haven’t been part before but there is still time for us to participate.

7. New Business

District 10 Alder Updates: Alder Henak reported that public information/comment meetings are being scheduled for the new Westgate Mall development project. He includes updates on meetings he attends himself on the District 10 website <https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district10/updates/>

8. Announcements by Board members. No discussion permitted other than to place on March Agenda.

LaVonne plans to order an information booklet on becoming a 501(c) 3 organization. Not all organizations are eligible and she will do some research to determine if we are.

9. Adjournment

Kevin motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Carol seconded.

Minutes approved March 2, 2020