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Neighborhood Association

CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2019

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

Board Member(s) Absent: Sharon Koenig, Pat Stinger

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: Item 7C “Bylaw Revisions and Board” was moved to Item 6 “Unfinished Business,” and two minor typos corrected. LaVonne Bennett moved that the Agenda be approved as amended. Zachary seconded. Motion carried.

3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for June 2019 meeting: Carol moved that the draft minutes be approved. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment:

Pamela Wilson: 1. The River Food Pantry became the fiscal agent for Food For Thought Initiative as of June 15th. (The Food4TI is the group that runs the Cherokee Heights Food Pantry.)

2. The Thoreau Weekend Food Bag Program will also have The River Food Pantry as its fiscal agent and has the founder of Food4TI, Lea Aschkenase, on the steering committee. The staging area will be in the church, packing on Thu and delivery on Fri. They hope to start on Oct 4, and serve 50 families.

5. Reports –

A. President

1. Make Music Madison will be on Sunday next year.
2. Friends of Lake Wingra Forum
3. Reminder of the upcoming Neighborhood Association training. Suggestion that in addition to current board members, we can work to recruit some non-members who may, after the training, join the board.
4. Sandy Beaupre has resigned from the Board.

5. September's Board Meeting will be rescheduled to Sept 9 since the first Monday is Labor Day. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sept 23.

B. Treasurer Report – Karen Zweizig reported that our checking account balance is \$991.62. She passed out a report detailing our financial status for our budget year of Sept 2018-Aug 2019.

C. Committee Reports:

Traffic: LaVonne reporting for Sharon Koenig – Trimming has begun, numerous trees have been marked for removal but still on schedule for the work. Speed limit signs with flags have been added along that section of Seminole Hwy. Still waiting for the crosswalk lines to be painted. Re possibility of adding a flashing light, the underground utility lines have been marked

Storm Water: Mary Odell – City of Madison Water Resources office is still working on some ongoing projects. There are a total of 8 watershed studies currently in progress. Public Information Meeting scheduled for July 11 at Thoreau school.

Fundraising: Open Chair

Green Spaces: Carol Buelow – 4 gardening sessions were held in June. Some donated plants were installed – monarchs have been spotted in the area. They currently have about one half the plants needed for the Rain Garden. Submitted an application to Plant Dane to receive some new plants in August. Question of who could do the necessary digging. We would acknowledge them on our web page, like any other donation from a business.

Communications and Outreach: Kevin Pomeroy – has done a few postings. Re Annual Meeting, Oak Park has donated the mailing. Question re who is going to create the actual copy: suggestion that if we know last year's cost, we can ask Oak Park if the source they use for their own copy could do it a better rate.

Good Neighbor: Open Chair

Bylaws Committee: LaVonne Bennett – After last month's discussion of the proposed Bylaws, some questions still remained on the wording re the section on Vacancies. LaVonne presented a new draft for that section.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Fundraising – Mary created a sample packet to use as a guideline when requesting donations from local businesses. Still waiting on responses from Board members. Marian said that once the crosswalk lines are painted, we can use that as an example of the work we are doing for the neighborhood. Suggestion that we discuss further at August meeting.

B. Friends of Lake Wingra Forum - Possible dates of Oct 14 or Oct 21. Since the Packers play the 14th, the 21st would be the better date. If we hold the forum so late in the year, school will be in session and we will might not draw enough children to have an activity specifically for them. One possibility is to have a room in the church set up to use.

C. Bylaws – further discussion of Bylaws was not needed, as we resolved the remaining questions during LaVonne's committee report.

7. New Business –

A. Getting more people involved in the CMNNA – Marian thinks that the neighborhood signs we've been working towards, would help to notify residents who might not realize that they live in the Crawford-Marlborough-Nakoma neighborhood. Suggestion that in order to get the sign, we need to raise money. If we work towards getting the funding for one sign, maybe later we can add others.

Marian volunteered to deliver a flyer to each house in the neighborhood to raise awareness of the CMNNA.

B. District 10 News and Updates – Zachary would like to be notified if any of us experience any crime issues. He does attend Coffee With A Cop every week. If we have any input on the Dogs In Parks issue that the Common Council will soon discuss, please forward it to him.

8. Announcements: none

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

(Approved on 5 August 2019.)