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CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019

Westminster Church 4100 Nakoma Road 7pm to 9 pm

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

Board Member(s) Absent: LaVonne Bennett, Susan Ridley

Guest(s): Zachary Henak, Pamela Wilson

1A. 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 November 4, 2019: Kevin moved that the agenda be approved. Carol seconded and the motion passed.

3. Approval of the October 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes – motion: The October minutes were amended to correct the total donations received, and to clarify the name of nextdoor.com. Carol motioned that the amended minutes be accepted, Kevin 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):

Pamela Wilson passed on a clarification about the Just Bakery schedule and menu. Some potential customers have been disappointed not to be able to purchase specific items. The Just Bakery menu may change due to many reasons – availability of ingredients, staffing issues, even on occasion mishaps in the baking process! It is possible to order specific items in advance at <https://www.justbakerymadison.org/>; ask for delivery to WPC.

At Thoreau Elementary, Dan Davidson has taken over as interim principal.

On Nov 10, WPC is hosting forum on “Ending Extreme Partisan Gerrymandering in Wisconsin” with Attorney Douglas M. Poland.

District 10 Alder Zachary Henak reported on the Mayor’s 2020 budget in addition to some of the amendments that had been proposed. He described the timeline that the Common Council would follow for discussion and voting. Some neighborhood associations have submitted letters supporting and/or opposing some of the budget items, at least one of those from within our own District 10.

5. Reports

A. Report of the President , Mary Odell: President Odell handed the floor over to the Board members who attended the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable on Nov 2. Karen and Rachel were able to attend sessions on Bus Rapid Transit; Community Building and Engagement; and Parks. Both reported that the event was enjoyable and informative.

B. Treasurer’s Report by Karen Zweizig Our balance as of Oct 31 is \$1605.97. We received one donation for \$100. Dennis motioned that the Treasurer’s report be accepted, seconded by Kevin, and the motion passed.

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

Traffic: Dennis Comerford volunteered to be the facilitator for this committee. His initial concern is the speeding on Nakoma Road.

Storm Water: Mary Odell – the city has begun work on the reconstruction of the culvert under the bike path (projected to last through mid-January).

Fundraising: (Open Chair) – in general discussion by the board members, suggestions were made that we continue to work on fundraising events to provide income, and also that this committee has a built-in connection to the Communications and Outreach committee.

Green Spaces: Carol Buelow – The Open House held on Oct 12 experienced some bad weather which cut into attendance. The fall date has been a tradition to showcase the results of the previous season’s labors, but the committee is considering changing the date to early summer.

Communications and Outreach: Kevin Pomeroy – the Board discussed the NextDoor group which is named “Nakoma” but whose boundaries are that of the CMNNA.

6. Unfinished Business

► Soap Box Derby Activity – is it a go? June 2020 at Cherokee School

Mary has started research into hosting a Soap Box Mini Car Derby. We would need about 10 teams to commit to building and racing one of the mini cars. She suggests that we work to raise awareness with our neighbors.

7. New Business

A. Letter to the Mayor regarding budget concerns: Many Board members indicated that they wanted more information on how police officers are assigned; by geographic area and/or by duties.

Mary will ask one of her departmental contacts to enlighten us. Once we understand the current policies, and have read the changes proposed both by the Mayor and Alders, we can decide if we want to take a position on any budget items.

B. Goals for the year: Among the ideas that were expressed –

1. Should we hold some meetings in addition to our monthly board meetings? All meetings are open, but there is limited opportunity for non-Board attendees to speak.

2. What changes, if any, should we make to the way we are communicating with the neighborhood?

3. Do we have good documentation as to the way the Board does its work, so that members find it simple to step in?

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

No announcements.

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

Minutes approved at the 2 Dec 2019 Board meeting.