

CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019

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

Guest(s): Pamela Wilson

1A. Call to Order: 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. Action Item - Approval of the Agenda: LaVonne moved that the agenda be approved. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for the September 2019 meeting: The minutes referred to a section by its item number without including the actual text of the item. The section was amended to add the missing text. LaVonne motioned that the amended minutes be accepted, Susan seconded, and the motion passed.

Approval of the Draft Minutes for the CMNNA Fourth Annual Meeting: In the section on Bylaw Revisions, the word "bylaws" was used where "bylaw changes" would have been more accurate. In the Treasurer's Report, the listed total for our net worth was corrected to reflect the correct amount of \$1429.98. With these changes, Kevin motioned that the Annual Meeting minutes be accepted. LaVonne seconded and the motion passed.

4. Public Comment: Pamela stated that the next CMNNA food pantry drive will be on Oct. 19, with pickup from 11-noon, and delivery to the school around 12:15. J suggested that to increase participation, we consider dropping off a flyer and an empty bag at everyone's door before the food drives. Pamela also reported that the food pantry could use some hot pot holders and can openers to give to the students for their use at home.

5. Reports –

A. President – President Odell welcomed the new board members. Each board member, old and new, introduced him/herself to the other members.

Reminder that the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Nov 2, just a half day this year.

B. Treasurer's Report – Our balance is \$2414.98. We received two donations: One for \$730 from Oak Park Place, and one from the Alvarado Real Estate group for \$250.

C. Committee Reports:

Traffic: Open Chair

Storm Water: Mary Odell – the city will soon start the reconstruction of the culvert under the bike path (end of October).

Fundraising: Open Chair

Green Spaces: Carol Buelow – This is the second full year for the butterfly garden; for the rain garden, major construction was finished in August. Some plants are on order to replace the trees that were taken out. The Open House is scheduled for Oct 12, 10 am to noon.

Communications and Outreach: Kevin Pomeroy – has put the notice about the garden open house up on the website. He will add notices about the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable, upcoming food drive, and the FOLW forum. He also plans to replace the original bylaws with the revised version that was approved at our annual meeting.

Bylaws Committee: LaVonne recommended that, since the committee’s recommended revisions of our bylaws have been approved, this committee can now go into hiatus.

6. Unfinished Business

A. FOLW forum – This forum is two weeks from today. They can give different versions of their talk – either a more scientific one, or one directed more towards neighborhood residents who want to know what to do with their leaves. Suggestion that we’d like to have a split presentation, with some science and some leaf-raking tips.

B. Butterfly/Rain Gardens Open House – Carol needs help with the CMNNA banners, if someone can come around 9:00-9:45 to help put them up. She would like some folding chairs if anyone has some to lend. The weather is supposed to be cool but not rainy. She would like to serve coffee, and asks that a board member bring one of the “coffee boxes” to the open house. Karen volunteers.

7. New Business:

A. Committee choices: At the November meeting, the new board members can choose a committee they’d like to work on.

B. Budget for 2019-2020: Last year Zachary Henak suggested we do a lawn edging fundraiser. We would hold it in the spring of 2020.

C. Goals for the year: Re outreach, our Nextdoor.com group is called “Nakoma” but its boundaries are the CMNNA. We had previously suggested that the name be changed to reflect the boundaries but one of the Nextdoor leads thought Crawford-Marlborough-Nakoma was too long. Dennis says that having a Facebook page might be helpful in increasing our visibility. There is already a Nakoma Neighbors group, though, so it might be confusing to start a CMNNA one. Rachel is going to request to join the Nakoma Neighbors and test out whether Nakoma Neighbors is open to a non-literal interpretation of “Nakoma.”

8. Announcements: None

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

Minutes approved at the 4 Nov 2020 Board meeting.