

## CMNNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

**Board Members Present:** LaVonne Bennett, Marian Hessman, Sharon Koenig, Mary Odell, Kevin Pomeroy, Karen Zweizig

**Board Member(s) Absent:** Carol Buelow, Zachary Henak, Pat Stinger

**Guest(s):** Nicole Viviani, Pamela Wilson

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

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

**2. Action Item - Approval of the Agenda:** Kevin moved that the agenda be approved. LaVonne seconded and the motion passed.

**3. Action Item - Approval of the Draft Minutes for August 2019 meeting:** Item 5.A.1 was amended to clarify that the position Berta Parker held at Oak Park Place had not been filled as of the August meeting date. With this change, Sharon moved that the draft minutes be approved. Karen seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Public Comment:** Pamela Wilson had an update on many of the ongoing school programs.

The Thoreau weekend food program is scheduled to start the first week of October. The plan is to provide 50 students with weekend food in the first year, increasing to 75 in the second year and 100 by the third year. In addition to WPC, many other churches, area businesses, and the Nakoma League are contributing to this effort. People who wish to volunteer need to have a background check, both for MMSD and the River Food Pantry.

The food drive for CHMS over the summer (delivering food directly to students) will continue.

The Thoreau summer reading program was a success. A teacher was hired to deliver books to students' homes 3 times per summer. She provided the books and the children read to her. This program cost \$5000 for salary and \$2000 for books. They have the \$5000 for next summer, still looking for the \$2000. They do accept donations of lightly-used books.

### 5. Reports –

**A. President –** The watershed focus groups are still ongoing. The next walk will be Thursday, from the duck pond to Manitou Way.

**B. Treasurer's Report –** no expenses this month. Received a check for \$250 from Aaron Perry. Suggestion that we might invite him to the annual meeting.

#### C. Committee Reports:

**Traffic:** Sharon Koenig – Nothing to report.

**Storm Water:** Mary Odell – Explained that you have to have a grate on a tunnel if you can't see through to the end.

**Fundraising:** Open Chair –

**Green Spaces:** Carol Buelow – (Karen reported for Carol): The excavation and all 5 Bradford pears have been removed. They were cut up and the city removed them very quickly.

The excess soil is still waiting to be removed. Open house is scheduled for Saturday Oct 12. Suggestion that we might start a map of places in the neighborhood with butterfly habitat.

**Communications and Outreach:** Revised bylaws are up on the website, ready for the annual meeting.

**Good Neighbor:** Open Chair

**Bylaws Committee:** We want to print a color-coded copy of the existing/proposed bylaws for each table to review. Suggestion that we pay for the ink cartridges, as we will need a lot of ink to do the prints. All agreed.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Postcard tweaks** – Taking a last look at the postcard copy and layout before we hand it over to Oak Park Place for mailing.

**B. Organization for the Annual Meeting** – Mary has created an Agenda. We would like a list of CMNNA accomplishments over the past year, to be included on each table. Mary will give the welcome, Karen will give treasurer's report, Kevin will video, Marian will take notes. Committee leaders will give quick update on each committee's accomplishments – doesn't have to be elaborate. Beth Bookland, director of CHMS food pantry, will give the presentation – need to ask church admin folks for permission to use AV equipment at church (if Beth needs it).

**7. New Business:** Decision on location for Friends of Lake Wingra forum – it will be at church (not Oak Park Place).

**8. Announcements:** None

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

*Minutes approved at the 7 Oct 2019 Board meeting.*