

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2016

Linda Hennigh Called to order – 6:33 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - c. Secretary, Libby Martin, Present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Membership - Karen Becker - Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Dan Geary , Present
 - g. Member At-Large, Eddie Schmid, Present
 - h. Block Link, Vacant
 - i. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Present - Sara Johnson, Present
 - j. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
 - k. Community Garden, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - l. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Present
 - m. Facilities, Bill Byrd, Present
 - n. Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Present
 - o. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep Absent - Dan Geary present
 - p. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - q. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Review of August 8, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds, passes
3. Review of August 2016 Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget
4. Standing Committees
 - a) Block Link
 - b) Communications
 - c) Finance
 - d) Membership
5. Special Committees
 - e) Beautification
 - f) Community Garden
 - g) Dog Park
 - h) Facilities
 - i) Fundraising
 - j) Housing
 - k) Quality of Life and Safety
 - l) Youth Outreach
6. Discussion Items
 - Linda attended the BPW Housing Corporation meeting and wrote letters of support for LRA properties on Utah. She also attended the SLACO Board meeting and a SLACO Bond Initiative meeting with Eddie Schmid where they discussed a process to gather signatures in support of *Neighbors 4 Stable St. Louis* - a program to get the *Vacant Building* Bond issue on the ballot in the City of St. Louis. She picked up a used Post-Dispatch dispensing box that will be painted and placed in the Neighborhood Garden and used for a new "book sharing library" program in BPWN. She also picked up a key

to the Neighborhood Bulletin Board at Cherokee and Nebraska. She asked for suggestions from the Board about topics / issues for the Bulletin Board. She also led a meeting on September 1 regarding issues that have been brought to our attention regarding Chunky Boy's bar/restaurant. There were BPW neighbors, Alderman Ken Ortmann, three Chunky Boy employees, the City Attorney and Jason Deem. The minutes of the meeting will go out to all attendees. There will be another meeting with Roz and William (owners of the bar) on September 19 to update attendees on efforts made and another meeting will be called by the end of October.

- Scott McIntosh continues to update the blog, social meeting sites and the real estate listings.
 - Chris Schmidt has two more members to add to the Dog Park membership - bringing the total membership to ten.
 - Bill Byrd's update on the garden fencing project. The owner has to have the fence removed quicker than we can accommodate - we have lost the garden fence.
 - Volunteers are needed for the Murmuration event to be held September 23-25. Bill will update the Sign Up Genius website with information for the volunteers. He will speak to the BPWNA meeting September 15
7. Open Forum
- Announce election for 2017 President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and two members at large - election will be held at October 2016 BPWN meeting
 - Add announcement regarding Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30 2016 to the agenda
8. Adjournment –Chris Schmidt moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, meeting adjourns at 7:30 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bill
 - Follow up with details for Murmuration event
 - Plan a 2016 / 2017 Board member party for November 2016
 - Print up color copies of Trunk or Treat flyer to be posted throughout neighborhood
2. Frank
 - Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
3. Karen
 - Work to increase membership
4. Libby
 - Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - Letters of support
5. Linda
 - Get a copy of Chunky Boy meeting attendance from Ken Ortmann
 - Send Bill Byrd the Trunk or Treat flyer via email
 - Give Dan Geary the two Trunk or Treat pumpkin signs to paint
6. Dan
 - Continue to work on impact statements
 - Paint and repair Trunk or Treat Pumpkin signs
7. Scott
 - Follow up with other committee members about adding headshots and bios to website

8. Stephanie

- Thank you note to Corner Pot planters and ask if they'll continue to 2017

9. Sara

- Quarterly Porch Review in September
- 4th Quarter addition may come out with new "meet your neighbor" article
- 4th Quarter will include article on National Night Out in BPWN
- Article about Board Elections