

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Attendance: 47

Elected Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Vice President – Alison Hillman, Absent
- Secretary – Ashtyn Baldas, Absent
- Treasurer – John Simons, Present
- Member At-Large – Tim Thomas, Present
- Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Absent

1. Call to order – 7:00 pm
2. Review and approve **August** meeting minutes – Chris Schmidt moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
3. Review of **September** Board meeting minutes
4. Review and approve August Treasurer's Report – Jeni Poole moves, Cletus seconds, passes
5. Review and approve September Treasurer's Report – Sue Galvant moves, Jeni Poole seconds, passes
6. Review 2018 budget
7. Guest Speaker: Jenn Derose, Green Dining Alliance and St. Louis Earth Day
 - a. Working with area restaurants, particularly Cherokee Street to stop using Styrofoam and non-recyclable plastics
 - b. Encourages residents to ask restaurants to not use non-recyclable items too in a polite way
 - c. Asked residents to not use plastic bags at grocery stores and to use their own tote bags
8. Guest Speaker: Will Krueger, Yes on Prop B
 - a. Prop will gradually raise the state minimum wage to \$12/hr by 2023
 - b. Not the only state to increase the minimum wage
 - c. Increased wages means more spending dollars in the economy
 - d. Increase won't hurt small businesses, based on other states that have raised the min and increase number of consumers
9. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Visitors:
 - i. Harrison Bohn, Gravois Park
 - ii. William Cook, Mission Gate Ministry
 1. Holding a fundraiser in Westport on Sept 28, \$45/ticket
 - b. New Members:
 - i. Renewal by Joe Rich and wife
 - ii. Renewal by Gretchen S
10. Upcoming Events
 - a. 2019 board nominations are due for October ballot.
 - i. You may still nominate yourself or someone else 10 days from the neighborhood meeting
 - ii. No opposition for Vice President and Secretary
 - iii. Must be a paid member to vote in October

- b. Litter Clean Up and Social Hour on Saturday at 9 am starting at the Cherokee at Jefferson by the Indian Statue
 - c. Fall Festival on hold until the spring or possibly next fall
 - d. St. Louis Regional Night Out
 - i. Moved from August to Tues, October 2 at 6-8 pm
 - ii. Still time to request your block closed
 - iii. BPWNA will host at Our Neighborhood Garden
 - iv. Planning meeting Sat, Sept 22 at 3 pm at Tower Taco for whoever would like input
 - v. Tentatively hot dogs, face painting, and Oreo stacking contest slated
 - e. Howl-O-Ween
 - i. Saturday, October 27 from 1- 3 pm in the Dog Park
 - ii. Pets dress up
 - iii. Photos taken
 - f. Trunk or Treat and Carnival
 - i. Sunday, October 28 from 4-6 pm at the Salvation Army on Arsenal
 - ii. Volunteers and cars needed
 - iii. Be sure to tell the kids/families on your block about it
 - g. Roosevelt High School tailgate and homecoming
 - i. Free tailgate from 11am-1 pm in the parking lot along Compton at Juniata
 - ii. Game begins at 1 pm, \$4 at the gate
 - iii. Kahki pants in adult sizes accepted as donations for the school uniforms at the tailgate
11. Guest speaker: Maggie Lalor, Clean Missouri Campaign, Amendment 1
- a. Ethic reform in Jefferson City/state legislators
 - b. Amendment 1 would limit gift values by lobbyists to \$5
 - c. Would require Sunshine Law on who received a gift and from whom
 - d. Also restricted elected officials from becoming lobbyists for 2 years after term ends; avoids pay to play
12. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
- a. Crime Report
 - i. Car thefts were up in August
 - ii. Biggest issue in August was cars; either break-ins or thefts
 - iii. Several calls for service for teens fighting in Love Bank Park
 - b. Central Patrol Trivia Night
 - i. Friday, Nov 16 at Casa Loma Ballroom
 - ii. \$200 for table of 8 people
 - iii. Doors at 6 pm, trivia at 7 pm
13. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
- a. Will check on regular speeder on Pennsylvania around 7 am when kids are getting on the school bus
 - b. Call Ameren if your alley light is out, the CSBA if the street light is out
14. 9th Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
- a. Working to get the airport sale discussion moved to the Board of Alderman
 - b. Forestry is very behind, he and Barb keep calling and lots still haven't been cut in 6 weeks
 - c. Commons Sound Festival in Dutchtown next weekend, Sat, Sept 29
 - i. Bands playing in Marquette Park from 1-6 pm

15. Prizes

a. Attendance Prizes

- i. BPW black tote bag – John Simon
- ii. Card carrier and hand sanitizer – Grand Furniture
- iii. Silver candle sticks -

b. 50/50: \$27.50 won by Joe Rich

16. Adjournment – Tim Thomas moves, John Simon seconds, passes at 8:39 pm