

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016

Linda Hennigh Called to order – 6:32 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present, Scott McIntosh (2017), Present
 - b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Present - Allison Hillman (2017), Present
 - c. Secretary, Libby Martin, Present - Liz Gerard (2017), Present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Membership - Karen Becker - Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Dan Geary , Present - Jason Hillman (2017), Present
 - g. Member At-Large, Eddie Schmid, Present
 - h. Block Link, Vacant
 - i. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Present - Sara Johnson, Absent
 - j. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
 - k. Community Garden, Scott McIntosh, Present
 - l. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Absent - Jenny Poole (2017), 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 October 10, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Allison Hillman moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds, passes
3. Review of October 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

Standing Committees

President - Linda requested reimbursement of \$340.98 for the purchase of the Trunk or Treat candy. Bill Byrd moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes. Linda requested reimbursement of \$45 for the Community Garden soil samples lead testing. Dan Geary moves, Eddie Schmid seconds, passes. She received approximately 20 berry bushes from

BPW via Tim Galos for the Community Garden. Linda requested \$31.44 reimbursement for ink and paper. Libby Martin moves, Eddie Schmid seconds, passes.

- a. **Vice President** - Scott McIntosh will speak to the Vines brothers (owners of STL Style House- currently out of town, regarding placing our BPWNA tee shirts in their shop. The Annual Fall Alley and Street cleanup is scheduled for this weekend (November 19-20) Discussion about adding another weekend. Scott will place the information on social media sites (i.e. the Newsletter, blog, Facebook).
- b. **Treasurer** - Frank Becker has ordered new checks for the BPWNA. Bill Byrd and Frank Becker discussed a discrepancy in the 2016 year-to-date budget. \$500 is entered under Fair St. Louis. Fair St. Louis should have \$0, the \$500 should be entered under the petty cash category. Frank will make the correction. Jessica White has not contacted Linda regarding her position as 2017 BPWNA Treasurer. Discussion regarding removing Jessica as 2017 Treasurer. Linda will contact her.
- c. **Membership** - Karen Becker is holding a check from Mr. and Mrs. Gravenhorst for their 2017 membership. She will deposit in January 2017.
- d. **Communications** - Scott McIntosh and Sara Johnson, absent. Click rates for Weekly Porch and Real Estate Listings are for two months. per Scott, overall, the sites are getting more clicks. Scott added pages for eight new businesses. Due to a very busy schedule, Sara Johnson will not be the editor for the newsletter in 2017

7. Special Committees

- e. **Community Garden** - Linda - the compost pile is set up. BPWNA members can begin bringing their compost (i.e. kitchen scraps, grass, leaves)
- f. **Dog Park** - Jenny Poole is planning several events to raise money for the Dog Park. She would like to have a Christmas party. Due to the timing, she will get back to Scott asap to get the information on the website. She has contacted rescue groups and offered free membership for their dogs. She suggested the rescue groups would be able to have benefits at the Dog Park.
- g. **Facilities** - Per Bill Byrd everything is good
- h. **Fundraising** - Bill Byrd - no other fund raising events planned for 2016. 2016 was not a good year for BPWNA fund raising.
- i. **Quality of Life** - Dan Geary announced an upcoming trial for Kelvin Draper, set for November 18, 2016. He will bring the neighborhood impact statement for BPWNA signatures
- j. **OPEN FORUM**

Extended discussion regarding the improvement of Officer Clancy's monthly crime reports. Consensus among Board members that the reports are incomplete and vague. Members would like more details on the crimes.

Liz Gerard began an extended discussion about replacement of burnt out bulb at the vacant Jefferson Bank lot. Board members spoke for several minutes about what exactly was needed, who would (which neighborhood association/ Ward is responsible to pay for what was needed.)

8. Adjournment –Bill moves, Allison Hillman seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:08 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bill
 - None at this time
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
 - Give Jessica White notice that she will not be our 2017 Treasurer
 - Take completed Chunky Boy meeting minutes to the owner of the bar. Scott McIntosh will accompany Linda in his role as the 2017 BPWNA President
 - Speak with Alderman Ken Ortman regarding the need for improved lighting.
 - Speak with Officer Clancy about bringing more data on the neighborhood crime statistics
6. Dan
 - Continue to work on impact statements
 - Bring impact statements for signatures regarding Kelvin Drapler's upcoming trial November 18, 2016
7. Scott
 - Follow up with other committee members about adding headshots and bios to website
 - Scott and Linda will take completed meeting minutes to Chunk Boy's restaurant
 - Talk to Daniel at Gravois Park Neighborhood Association regarding the lighting issue at Jefferson Bank's parking lot
8. Stephanie
 - None at this time
9. Sara
 - None at this time