

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

Call to order – 6:35 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Libby Martin, present
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Member At-Large, Dan Geary, President
 - f. Member At-Large, Marlow Dugger, Present
 - g. Block Link, Vacant
 - h. Communications, Bill Byrd, Present - Sara Johnson, Absent
 - i. Finance, Frank Becker, Present
 - j. Membership – Karen Becker, Present
 - k. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Absent
 - l. Community Garden, Vacant
 - m. Dog Park, Chris Schmidt, Absent
 - n. Facilities, Bill Byrd, Present
 - o. Fundraising, Bill Byrd, Present
 - p. Quality of Life and Safety, Carrie Sleep, Absent
 - q. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - r. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Linda requested \$525 be paid for 2016 Drop Box membership - Bill Byrd moved to disburse the funds of \$525 to cover fees for Drop box for 2016, Dan Geary seconds, passes
Linda requested \$100 to cover SLACO memberships for one year - Libby Martin moved to cover \$100 SLACO membership, Karen Becker seconded, passes
3. Review and acceptance of December 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
4. Review December Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget
5. Standing Committees
 - a. Block Link
 - b. Communications
 - c. Finance
 - d. Membership
6. Special Committees
 - a. Beautification
 - b. Community Garden
 - c. Dog Park
 - d. Facilities
 - e. Fundraising
 - f. Housing
 - g. Quality of Life and Safety
 - h. Youth Outreach
7. Discussion Items
 - a. Salvation Army membership is \$600 year. Bill had check request for six months or \$300. Dan moved to pay Salvation Army six month membership of \$300, Marlow seconded, passes

- b. Bill moved to allow purchases of paper up to the budget amount which is \$400 per year. Karen seconded, passes. Bill turned in request for reimbursement of \$400 for paper purchase.
 - c. Discussion to buy four SQUARE readers for \$49/each or \$196 for four. Dan Geary moved to approve purchase of 4 SQUARE readers for \$196, Frank Becker seconded, passes.
 - d. New Missouri Tax Exemption Form that no longer expires
 - e. Lisa Otker reported that Colt Motors applied for occupancy permit but Alderman Ken Ortmann can find no record of it at City Hall.
 - f. Linda met with Meghan Grubb, an area artist, to discuss a Public Works Project funded by STL Critical Mass - for an unspecified sculpture to be erected in our Neighborhood garden or in one of the other surrounding neighborhoods
 - g. Shelle Veres discussed Trivia Night at Five Star on February 20, 2016. Asked if BPWNA could sponsor a table of 8 at \$25/ticket. After discussion, it was agreed that BPWNA would pay for 1/2 of one table and a second one if we had enough to fill it.
 - h. After discussion, it was agreed upon that BPWNA would a) give volunteers t-shirts at events b) give an additional door prize ticket to anyone wearing their shirt to a meeting and c) board members should begin to wear theirs to NA meetings.
 - i. Action Items
- 8. Open Forum
 - 9. Adjournment – Bill Byrd moves, Libby seconded, passes meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bill
 - a. Contact Leland about repairing bumble bee sculpture in Neighborhood Garden
- 2. Frank
 - a. Monthly Treasurer's and Budget report; includes year-to-date budget
 - b. Send bio (Karen will send)
- 3. Karen
 - a. Change spelling of Marlow's last name to Dugger on membership list
- 4. Libby
 - a. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
 - b. Letters of support
- 5. Linda
 - a. Edit email addresses of all Board Members
 - b. Contact Linda Ontke - Commercial Business Manager for City to discuss denying occupancy permit for Colt Motors
 - c. Put Shelly on Neighborhood Meeting agenda to discuss Trivia Night
- 6. Dan
 - a. Will work on impact statements
- 7. Shelle
 - a. Volunteered to do the 50/50 at January 21 2016 Neighborhood Meeting because Bill will be out of town