

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, August 8, 2016

Linda Hennigh Called to order – 6:30 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, Present
 - 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 July 11, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moves to accept, Frank Becker seconds, passes, July 11, 2016 Board meeting minutes accepted
3. Review of July 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. Guests - Gretchen Shipp and Rich LaPlume from DePaul USA
 - 2 programs - *Project More and Project Plus*
 - Have locations throughout USA
 - Will be fully furnished apartments
 - "Front Door" program - fully screened single, homeless, co-ed
 - Bought building at 2904-2912 Arsenal
 - 24 hour house monitors, social worker and life coach on site

- Gretchen and Rich requested a letter of support from BPWNA to attach to RFP and letter to Alderman Ken Ortmann
 - Scott McIntosh moved to write a letter of support, Dan Geary seconded , motion to send letter of support passes
7. Guest - Tiffany - owner of hair salon at Wyoming and Pennsylvania
- Renting downstairs for hair salon and upstairs for apartment
 - Land lord is Donna Dunn - Tiffany is experiencing many problems with Ms. Dunn
 - Is concerned that the contract she signed with Ms. Dunn is fraudulent
8. Discussion Items
- Linda requesting reimbursement of \$13.60 for soda for neighborhood meetings. Turned in a receipt for reimbursement for 2 more garden plots (@\$20 / plot). Libby Martin moves to reimburse Linda, Scott seconds, motion passes
 - Scott McIntosh requesting reimbursement for \$25.77 for St. Louis Fair expenses. Bill Byrd moved to reimburse Linda, Dan Geary seconded, motion to reimburse Scott passes
 - Chris Schmidt - no one is coming to Dog Park Pool Parties. She will keep Dog Park schedule through Labor Day. Discussion around methods to increase dog park membership. ex. No fee for members that pay BPWNA membership or those that volunteer for neighborhood events.
 - Praise in the Park is on *Sign up Genius*, but very few have signed up. Volunteers still needed for Praise in the Park August 13 (4-8 pm) for set up and tear-down. Bill Byrd volunteered for set up.
 - Scott is working on organizing tour for WashU freshmen on Saturday, September 10, 2016 to tour BPW and Cherokee Street
 - Five Star Senior Center holding pizza sale benefit September 9 to raise money for bus shelter for new transport van. Bill Byrd moved to donate \$100 toward purchase of 10 pizzas for Five Star Benefit, Scott McIntosh seconded, motion passes
 - Bill Byrd requested contact information for owner of garden plot to co-ordinate moving the fence. There is a crew set up. The fence can be stored in Linda's garage.
 - 2017 election for new Board members will be held at October BPWNA meeting
 - Bill Byrd moved to donate \$100 toward Barb Potts' cell phone bill. Scott McIntosh seconded, motion passes.
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment –Scott McIntosh moves, Bill Byrd seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:37 pm

ACTION ITEMS

1. Bill
 - Follow up with HANPO for details for September 23 2016 fundraising event
 - Float purchase of "four square" devices until 2017 budget
 - Follow up with subcommittee regarding moving garden gate on Ohio
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
 - Chunky Boy issue deferred until after August 2, 2016 elections
 - Requesting reimbursement for \$40 for two garden plots @\$20 each
6. Dan
 - Continue to work on impact statements
 - Bring petition for BPWNA members to sign in support of NOM process
 - Determine date for "Texas Avenue" sentencing, bail hearing and / or trial
7. Scott
 - Set up watering schedule
 - Outreach to Loop Neighborhood Association for "how to" on Christmas decorating; include Anne McCullough
 - Set date for Fall 2016 Alley and Street Clean Up
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