**Benton Park West Neighborhood Association**

Board Meeting - Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Tuesday, May 06, 2014 @ 6:30-8:30 pm

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32 pm
2. Roll Call
   1. President – Linda Hennigh, **Present**
   2. Vice President – Carrie Sleep, **Present**
   3. Secretary – Scott McIntosh,**Present**
   4. Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, **Present**
   5. Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, **Present**
   6. Member At-Large – Whitney Mathis, Absent
   7. Beautification – Vacant
   8. Block Link – Vacant
   9. Communications – Bill Byrd, **Present**
   10. Community Garden – Jake Roeckle and Leland Drexler-Russell, Absent
   11. Dog Park Committee – Mandy Mankin, **Present**
   12. Facilities – Bill Byrd
   13. Finance and Fundraising – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh
   14. Membership Committee - Vacant
   15. Quality of Life and Safety – Carrie Sleep
   16. Youth Outreach – Pam Welsh, **Present**
   17. Cherokee Street Liaison – Anne McCullough, Absent
3. Reimburse Linda $84 for seedlings - Bill moves, Mandy seconds, passes
4. Review and approval of April Board meeting minutes – Mandy moves, Bill seconds, passes
5. Review and approval of April Treasurer’s Report - moves, seconds, passes
6. **Rebecca Bolte, St. Louis Workers Education Society**
   1. St. Louis Workers Education Society (501c3)
   2. 2929 S. Jefferson – future community and meeting space
   3. Operating Engineers Union is moving to the county
   4. Labor issues, expansion of democracy, and voter registration are primary objectives
   5. Conditional hearing is changing the zoning from union hall to educational
   6. Primarily office space for nonprofit organizations
   7. Mostly day time hours, but meetings may run to right after work hours
   8. Will do some work on the inside (building originally was a funeral home)
7. **Jennifer Bennett, J&M Properties of St. Louis, LLC**
   1. Just purchased 3325 Ohio and looking for more
   2. John (fiancé) is co-developer and builder
   3. Jennifer has worked in a real estate office the past 10 years
   4. Seeking properties under $80K to rehab
   5. Looking to buy and flip
8. **Business**
   1. Move to accept $833 from Operation Brightside (via Anheuser Busch) and place it into donations within our budget – moves, seconds, passes
   2. Easter Eggstravaganza
      1. Increase eggs from 240 to 600; 200 in 3 sections
      2. State starts at 10 am, but don’t advertise end to avoid folks showing up late for the hunt
      3. Section off around the Bunny photos
      4. Way to designate if a person purchased more than one copy of a photo
   3. Cinco de Mayo
      1. Parade: 6 people with 520 beads wasn’t enough; needed more beads and people
   4. Community Garden
      1. Gateway Greening will take over all City gardens leases and provide group insure
      2. If you opt out, would still have a lease with LRA and would still require insurance
      3. Flower Garden on Wyoming currently doesn’t have insurance
         1. Do we opt into Gateway Greenings offer for the Wyoming Garden or add it to the BPWNA insurance?
         2. Bill will investigate what other neighborhoods are doing such as Benton Park, Fox Park, and Tower Grove East
   5. IndiHop
   6. June Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale
      1. Bill will ask Amy Hendrick if she would like to organize this
   7. Movie Night
      1. Didn’t get organized for May, so cancel
   8. GWB 2013 Report
      1. Just send recommendations and not total report to City Circuit Attorney who asked for it
   9. Letter of support for St. Louis Workers Education Society – Pam moves, Becky seconds, passes
   10. Review May BPWNA agenda and calendar
       1. Add Easter Eggstravaganza debrief
       2. Drop May movie night and August rummage sale from events
   11. Open forum
9. **Adjournment** – Pam moves, Mandy seconds, passes at 8:15 pm

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. All
   1. Bring $1 for 50/50 at Membership Meeting
2. Becky
   1. Ask Melt or other Cherokee Street vendor to display BPW t-shirt with sign on how/where to purchase them.  Needs display on how to purchase t-shirts and sample tees.  Inventory needs to be taken. – Spoke with Kelly and they’re in.  Just needs tees and sample card
3. Bill
   1. New Neighbor packets
   2. Working on additional PayPal button; dog park, membership, etc
   3. Give Becky the t-shirts order info cards
   4. Check with Salvation Army/John about Adopt a Family and bell ringing sign ups
4. Carrie
   1. track money from Mardi Gras; haven’t received a check yet
5. Linda
   1. Board and NA meeting agendas
   2. Letters of support
   3. Google phone – option to replace office phone
   4. Pam and Linda to purchase items at the Looking Glass
   5. Add Becky to Intuit
   6. take a photo of the new gray t-shirt and send to Bill
6. Mandy
   1. Planning a work day; trying to get mulch delivered
   2. get the dog park fountain fixed
7. Pam
   1. NAB work – need more people involved; Send info to Scott and Bill to promote
8. Scott
   1. Monthly Board and NA meeting minutes
   2. Housing Committee
      1. Schedule housing meetings; same day as Housing Corporation.  If City wants a meeting or not, we’ll meet.
      2. Friday Listings
   3. T‐shirt Sales
      1. Scott to send Bill the sizes and prices for the website
      2. Will promote sales through social media
      3. $20 for non‐members, and $15 for members
      4. send Bill the sizing and prices of t-shirts
      5. Suzy will get notification from PayPal and should send to Board
      6. Bill and Scott will discuss logistics for distributing shirts
9. Suzy
   1. Monthly Treasurer’s and Budget report; includes year‐to‐date budget
   2. Move Cool Down category from Salvation Army to Five Star Senior Center
   3. Change petty cash categories
   4. Create a budget line item for Taste of St. Louis
   5. Move $132.86 from Expense –Communication to copier lease
   6. Move $1 from income to donations
   7. find the $415 on the budget