

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016

Linda Hennigh Called to order – 6:37 pm

1. Roll Call
 - a. President, Linda Hennigh, Present
 - b. Vice President, Scott McIntosh, Absent
 - c. Secretary, Libby Martin, Absent
 - d. Treasurer, Frank Becker, Present
 - e. Membership - Karen Becker - Present
 - f. Member At-Large, Dan Geary , Absent
 - g. Member At-Large, Eddie Schmid, Present
 - h. Block Link, Vacant
 - i. Communications, Scott McIntosh, Absent - Sara Johnson, Absent
 - j. Beautification, Stephanie McKinney, Present
 - k. Community Garden, Scott McIntosh, Absent
 - 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 Absent
 - p. Youth Outreach, Pam Welsh, Absent
 - q. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough, Absent
2. Review of September 12, 2016 Board Meeting minutes. Bill Byrd moved to accept, Frank Becker seconds, passed
3. Review Action Item
4. Review of October Treasurer's Report and 2016 Budget. Noted that the monthly budget for September was not included in the packet. Frank is to send out for all to review. Send any needed updates to Frank by end of week.
5. Guest – Mark O'Brien joined the meet and had several concerns/questions concerning diversity. He noted concern of the current board being "white", while BPW has a mix of white, black and Hispanic. Additional discussion was around specific committee which could be tapped to address various components of the question. Mark offered to do door-door delivery of flyers, etc. for pay.

Linda referenced a group, headed by Sara Johnson, where multiple non-profits were collaborating to promote events/services, as well as, face-face questions in finding what the general populace of Benton Park West needs or wants. This would be a door-door event using a three-person team with mixed diversity. The consensus was positive for Linda to move forward with the inclusion of BPW in the effort.

Possible questions should be submitted to Linda by Oct 20th.
6. Standing Committees
 - a) Communications – The need for even a small newsletter was voiced. Bill Byrd agreed to do a end-year wrap-up, including the election results. Target for the newsletter to be ready for delivery is Nov 4th.
7. Membership – Notice was given to the great number of members for 2016. Conversation was held concerning the need to have members in good standing to be able to vote in the election on Oct 20th.
8. Special Committees

- b) Community Garden – Noted that a composter will be arriving at the veggie garden at Arsenal/Jefferson.
 - c) Dog Park – Howl-o-ween is coming up on Oct 29th
 - d) Facilities – reminder to all to help clean-up and reset chairs/table as soon as the meeting ends.
 - e) Fundraising – Murmuration Fundraising was good. After all said and done, BPW will receive approximately \$ 2775.00
 - f) Housing – Meeting upcoming on Wednesday. Will know for sure by Tuesday night if Wednesday meeting will be held.
 - g) Youth Outreach – Trunk or Treat coming up on Oct 30th.
9. New Business -
- SLACO yearly conference is coming up on Oct 29th. Stephanie McKenny moved to extend a single scholarship to the conference for 2016. Chris Schmidt seconded, passed.
 - BPW logo and branded shirts – Linda spoke to the fact that STyLehouse has approached BPW about selling our shirts at retail from the store. After discussion, it was agreed to have Scott follow-up with STyLehouse concerning the agreement. Two methods were discussed; 1. A percentage of the sale/shirt or 2. When its time for BPW to buy shirts again, we pay ONLY cost for the shirts; no mark-up. Option 2 was the preferred option.
 - Elections – Linda reminded everyone that elections are this month. The nominations are as follows:
 - a. President – Scott McIntosh
 - b. Vice-President – Allison Hillman
 - c. Secretary – Liz Gerard
 - d. Treasurer – Jessica White
 - e. Members at Large (2) – Dan Geary, Eddie Schmid and Jason Hillman
 - Review of the Oct neighborhood meeting agenda.
10. Open Forum
- Suggested that the 2016 Programming needs to be updated to add/remove events.
 - November meeting is the annual Potluck. Added to the meeting agenda for next week.
11. Adjournment – Stephanie McKinney moved to adjourn, Eddie Schmid seconds, meeting adjourns at 8:20 pm

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bill
 - Continue planning the 2016 / 2017 Board member party for November 3rd, 2016, 6p.
 - Follow-up on Murmuration income and submit paperwork for distribution of funds to CHARIS and MV.
 - End of year Porch Review to include highlights of 2016, Board Elections, etc. Target of Nov 3rd to be ready for printing
- 2. Frank
 - Follow-up on new checks; report to the board options and recommendations.
 - 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
 - Send minutes of the Chunky Boy meeting to those who attended.
 - Give Dan Geary the two Trunk or Treat pumpkin signs to paint
6. Dan
 - Continue to work on impact statements
 - Paint and repair Trunk or Treat Pumpkin signs
7. Scott
 - Follow up with other committee members about adding headshots and bios to website
8. Stephanie
 - None at this time.
9. Sara
 - None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Byrd