

Westside Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

September 6, 2017 - 7:00 PM

Letts Community Center

Minutes

In Attendance: Cassandra Nelson, Emily DeRushia, Rob Mathis, Jason Gabriel, Emily Bergquist, John Addis, Merry Rosenberg, Amy Campbell

Excused: Emily Stevens, Emily Johnson, Elizabeth Battiste

Absent: Mohammed Khan

Guest/Neighbors Mitzi Allen

Call to Order: DeRushia called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of August 2017 Minutes: Rosenberg moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting. DeRushia seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Rosenberg transferred \$2,000.00 from savings to checking.
- Checking Account current balance: \$ 2,894.47
- Savings Account current balance: \$10,241.63
- Rosenberg will write check for \$400 to REACH for the September Night Out event.

Old Business:

- Board still needs a Secretary.
- Nancy Hartman has expressed interest in joining the board.

New Business:

- **Community Engagement**
 - Many neighbors welcomed the students to Sexton High School for the first day of school. John Addis and Emily Bergquist attended the welcome back and reported it was a positive experience for both students and staff. The high school has asked for extra yard signs; neighbors have reported that their yard signs have been stolen/taken.
- **Communications**
 - Feedback: the latest newsletter was great and Melik made a great cover story.
 - John reported that a couple of prior advertisers have not committed to future ads. Further he could not determine which ads were paid and which were not.

- DeRushia discussed invoicing: if you sell an ad, create an invoice via Google Drive.
- DeRushia requested input for ways to improve the newsletter..
- Next newsletter in November.
- **Neighborhood Improvement**
 - No report.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Family Fun Festival:** This event is slated for Friday, September 8th. There will be lots of family-style fun and activities (i.e., REACH art, games, bounce house, ice cream, etc.) The Lego Batman Movie is the movie of the night.
 - **Fall Fundraiser:** Bergquist talked to Copper Kettle about catering the Fall Festival; they are approved for the Cadillac Room. Potential menu themes include: taco bar; BBQ; family-style Italian; or Thanksgiving dinner with a proposed theme, “We’re Thankful For the Westside.” Any of the menu options can include vegetarian and gluten free options.
- DeRushia discussed budget of \$2,000.00; Bergquist confirmed.
- The Thanksgiving theme and menu were approved.
- The event will be at the Cadillac Club in REO Town.
 - Apply for 1-day/non-profit liquor license so we can sell alcohol.
 - Consult Danielle on where to get tickets printed.
 - There was further discussion about ticket pricing and whether or not to offer a family rate.
- **Candidate night:** Elizabeth is coordinating this event. Neighbors with questions should forward them to Elizabeth.
- **Grants** – no report.
- **Crime and Safety (CSC):** DeRushia introduced Mitzi Allen, Chair of the Crime and Safety Committee (CSC.) Mitzi read the Mission Statement of the Crime & Safety Committee and reported an overall sense that CSC is lacking support from the WNA. Mitzi reported that 4 neighborhood “block captains” have volunteered, but more are needed. Mitzi reported that the CSC plans to establish a Facebook page that she will moderate. She hopes the FB page will be up by October 1, but does not think that deadline can be met. Mitzi suggested the creation of stickers/signage for homes: “this property is protected by the Westside Neighborhood Watch.” Last, Mitzi requested WNA support for the Sexton homecoming parade, which is tentatively scheduled for a date in October. The next CSC meeting is September 26th @ 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm. Next meeting will be held on October 4, 2017, at 6 pm.