

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2017

Attending: Athene Carras, Matt Lachy, Lorin Liberson, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Jim Peters, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Scott Wheeler, Victoria Wiedel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

December Minutes: Athene amended the Traffic section. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Suzy presented the numbers that are currently in the accounts.

Chase Quickpay is now set up.

The membership mailing fee is higher than last year. Suzy will check on this. She will also get a copy of the mailing list to clean it up.

With \$4,195 in membership dues already collected, we are more than ½-way to the annual goal. Chuck Renner (former treasurer) is checking to see if any money is earmarked.

Communications: Newsletter went out at the end of the year. The deadline for the next issue is late February.

Matt & Victoria met with Thomas Applegate to review communication channels and talked about refreshing the RMIA website. Victoria is looking at designs.

Matt asked for input about the website from the Board before the next meeting. He would like to have a solid analytics report on the website. He encouraged Board members to think about what's needed and to look at other community and nonprofit websites as benchmarks. He also said to think of 3 things that are priorities for the website.

Victoria volunteered to share more events and information on the neighborhood Facebook page. Jim suggested having a new neighbor/welcome area on the website.

Thomas volunteered to resume emailing bi-weekly newsletters.

Safety: Kathy will email Board members who want to attend the Beat 1713 CAPS meeting on January 25th. She is also talking to Thousand Waves about having a neighborhood self-defense class.

Zoning: Nothing to report

Membership: Craig has been distributing Welcome Cards. He wants to get the membership list from Suzy to scrub & update.

Suzy will look into buying a homeowner list.

Community Relations: No report

Traffic – to be renamed Transportation: The next TAC meeting will be **January 26th**. Board members are encouraged to attend.

The question of 'speed tables' will be brought up at the meeting. Bette said the alderman thought they were too expensive.

Social: State Representative Ann Williams wants to speak to our neighborhood – possibly at the semiannual meeting in April. CMAP and the North River Commission might present their community plan, too.

Easter Egg Hunt will be **April 15th** in Manor Park

Garage Sale is Sunday, **May 21st**. Athene will contact the new owner of Summit to see if their parking lot can be used on Garage Sale day.

Independence Day Parade will be Sunday, **June 25th** and has been moved to the afternoon. 2 volunteers have taken on this event.

Garden Walk- Athene had reached out to Jeff Sell who organized the walk last year.

Spring/Fall Fest: needs someone to organize it.

Parks: Lorin said she won't be able to organize a planting by Arbor Day. Instead she will look into a fall planting through Openlands and needs to have names in June. She intends to contact Anne Rozmin who handled the Openlands plantings in the past. Lorin will design a flyer with Thomas and deliver it to homes deemed in need of trees.

Lorin wants neighborhood input for reimagining LaPointe Park. She will also contact landscape designers in the neighborhood to see if they are willing to donate their time or give advice & expertise.

Craig repaired the door to the Little Free Library that had come off.

New Business: *2nd Story* has offered to host our board meetings. We will consider having a few meetings a year there when their renovation is complete.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

The next Board meeting will be at Horner Park Field House, 2nd floor on Monday, **February 13th** at 7:00.

Submitted by Kathy Monk