

MINUTES

LENA

Date | time 3/8/2017 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Angela Jenkins

In Attendance

Angela Jenkins (President), Sara Strehlow (Secretary), Ashley Bergeron (Member at Large). Steve McCarthy (Treasurer), Pastor Lex (UCC) Renee and Mimi (Java Cat-Invited Guests) Luke Wagner, David Crutzionk, Judith Louer, Ronn Irving

Approval of Minutes

February meeting minutes are approved

Invited Guests

Renee Raspiller-Java Cat Owner

In December 2013 Renee contacted the Police regarding an employee stealing money. She spent \$7000 on an internal audit before she could even file her case. She believes he stole over \$100,000 over fraudulent checks and other avenues. The case is still pending review since November 2015.

She has gone to Channel 3000 Action and they have interviewed the man. She has spoken to Alder David. She just wants justice.

Action: Reach out to Alder David and depending on his response: write a letter of support to Dane County DA saying. "We want to support our local businesses and neighborhood. We want to support our local business... we are curious of the timeline of events, we want more information." And/or contact Melissa Sargent. Motion passed

Other ideas: contact Wisconsin State Journal. Door to door signatures

Old Business

LENA Matinee

PG movie-vote, Popcorn, pockluck because it is a public screening additional licenses may be needed. Licenses are site specific so we can partner with local sites that already have licenses such as the public library but in this case it would need to be open for all and food restrictions. Another idea cosponsor with the library which would open up additional locations but would cost us money. Another option SWANK per event, per title \$250.. another example Finding Dora \$380, rental fee \$28 per copy. If the event is sponsored by a church, then they get a reduced rate. Concerned about timing and money. Goal: Get neighbors together especially those with younger children and the elderly.

Earth Day Clean up

Instead of April 22nd (due to Earth Day) postpone to April 29th. Free Mulch event the Parks Department on April 22nd. Can they just deposit it then and let it sit for a week?

Historically we have concentrated efforts on Lake Edge, what about Quaker Park? Yes we want to include Quaker.

Last year we started at 9 a.m. and ended around eleven or noon. Start at Quaker and then move to Lake Edge.

9:00-9:30 Quaker Trash Pickup

9:30-11:00 Lake Edge Clean-up and Gardening

Action: Steve contact Parks about Mulch. Pastor Lex talk to partner about mobilizing efforts and possible coffee. Bill & Angela draft up newsletter by early April. Individuals bring snacks. Post to social media: Ashley.

Plant Exchange

Last year 3rd Saturday of May. This year would be May 20th.

Bring one – take one. Whatever you want to divide bring those plants and take what you want. Last year Angela hosted it the event at her house. Had about 30 different types of plants.

Next meeting discuss host.

Garage Sale June 23, 24, 25

Glendale reached out to Angela if we wanted to have our garage sale at the same time. Combination efforts=brings more people. Advertisement includes: craigslist, Facebook, online map and yard signs. St. Luke's is interested in Lots of Luke's which will be held at the same time as well.

Garden Tour

Angela sent e-mail to Meghan who hosted last year-waiting for response

Pub Crawl

Likely to do one in the spring. We met at the library at started at Jade Monkey and worked our way down.

Picnic

We left off from moving from August to end of July. Concerns about other conflicts.

Sponsorship

Currently 8 sponsors, on a yearly basis, most likely to renew. How can we increase sponsorship? Need volunteers to reach out to local businesses about sponsorship. Why should they: featured in our newsletter, allotted 4 articles, advertising for specific events, logos.

We should add number of newsletters we send out and number of people we are reaching electronically.

What are the boundaries? Just local? Local are the priorities but we will open it up to neighboring areas. This is our greatest source of income.

Paper Newsletters

1200 was not enough.

Board Vacancies

Bill and Barb's positions are still open.

New Business

Arts Grant

Events typically sponsored: Art Walk display event (walking tour), created a Pea Patch/Community garden to make mosaic stepping stones,

Timeline is tight table for now-get ideas

Pizza Party

The date we wanted is booked. Steve: Look into February.

Allis Friday Dinner

Feeding about 50 kids on a weekly basis. Also gathered gloves and scarfs. Tie into Allis Events. Go to the family in the Rimrock area.

Presidents Report

City of Monona Request

We approved a motion to allow parking and sent a letter. We received a thank you from the administrator.

Stoughton Road Update

Stoughton road revitalization project recommended a sunken area, it is no longer an acceptable design due to challenges such as businesses losing sales, and weather. New idea Open Boulevard. We currently lack trees, lights and parking amenities that are necessary and essential to businesses and pedestrians. Not very accessible, not very walkable. Back to the council to reconsider, there will be opportunities in the future for citizens to voice concerns and support. Long timeframe.

Morningside Retention Park

The field south of the YMCA belongs to the YMCA, the woods to the East is a water retention pond. Motion to remove this as a Park. Motion Passed

Upcoming Road Repairs

Morningside cast repair and Camden avenue, this upcoming summer several street will receive sealcoat Claire, Pinchot, Kegg Ave, Maher (south of Buckeye and Ruth St).

Spanum Water Tower

Needs to be dark and no designs. Survey open till the end of March

Gypsy Moth Spray

Most of our area is impacted. Expect low flying airplanes and chemicals. Will be included in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

No new news... currently 56 households

Alders Report

See Stoughton Road Update above

Will take action for Java Cat

Upcoming Events

Tabled.. see above

Next Meeting

4/12/2017 12:00 AM, Pinney Library

Adjoined 8:53 p.m.