

NWACA Board Meeting January 8, 2019 Board Minutes
Galaxy Cafe 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Vicki DeWeese, Joanie Arrott, Brad Banister, Roger Bolick, Ruven Brooks, Julie DePalma, Chris Hajdu, Richard Grayum, Bridget Keating, Louri O’Leary, Mike Polston, Julie Rawlings, Julie Waidelich, Charlie Galvin, Teri Schock, and Rachel Lance.

Guests: Father Merrill Wade, Joyce Statz, Kevin Bolton, Jo-Ibsen-Wolford, and John Dececco from Helping our Neighbors (HON) program.

Proxy: Caroline Alexander, Connie Lundgren, Chris Roddy, and Aaron Daniels.

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki DeWeese who welcomed everyone.

Minutes

Joanie Arrott motioned, and Julie Rawings seconded to approve November minutes. Motion Approved.

Park Clean Up

President Vicki DeWeese discussed the Bull Creek park cleanup efforts.

Citizen Communications- Helping our Neighbors (HON), discussed the program, which was mentioned in the January NWACA newsletter and plans for a new Cold Weather Shelter program which will house women at St. Matthew’s Huffman Hall and men at Westover Hills church of Christ on nights when the temperature is predicted to be < 32 degrees or nights that are wet with a temp < 35 degrees.

Membership

President Vicki DeWeese and Joyce Statz reviewed the membership status and updates to the new Membership system to start in late January 2019. Currently, we are just under 800 members. Joyce provided an update on our new automated membership program to go online at the end of January.

Financial Reports

Julie DePalma reviewed the Financial Reports and proposed budget for 2019. She reminded Board members not to spend in excess of their committee budgets, to seek out preapproval by the Committee Chair to spend money and to use the Reimbursement form when submitting receipts for reimbursement.

Committee Reports

Communications

Vicki and Rachel Lance discussed the Facebook Rules modifications for comments, and weekly ads for business members. Julie Rawlings suggested to add rules concerning emergency situations. The Communications Committee will provide additional guidelines about how to

deal with controversial comments at the February meeting. Julie Rawlings also volunteered to serve as an additional FB moderator.

The Annual Survey comments are due from Board members by January 25.

For the newsletter, items such as distribution, sponsor thank yous, dates on the calendar and requesting Peel to provide better service **were** discussed.

Membership

Charlie Gavin and the Membership Committee will work on guidelines and present at the February meeting concerning Supporting Members, Business Sponsors, level of sponsorships, and ways to encourage both sponsorship and membership. Vicki discussed use of doorhangers to encourage individual memberships.

Tree, Environment & Wildlife

Joanie Arnott discussed the Dog Poop Stickers and Signs program and provided examples of stickers. The board decided not to fund the program since stickers would only be beneficial if a trashcan was at the curb on the day prior to trash pickup. It could be a liability for NWACA if neighbors entered private property seeking out a poop friendly trashcan. Joanie will meet with the City on other neighborhood programs if they exist.

Zoning & Transportation

Ruven Boorks has been selected by D10 CM Alison Alter, to be on the City Advisory Committee to look at the high-speed utility/ bus reconstruction plan for the city. He showed slides of proposed transportation lines.

Events

Julie Waidelich and Vicki discussed the Concert in the Park which is planned for the afternoon of Sunday, April 28th at the Murchison Fields. Currently, Julie is working on the details and waiting for approval from the school district to move forward. Vicki will work with Caroline on the kickball details and is asking her for information regarding the groundbreaking at the Murchison Pool Playground, hoping that these events could coincide with the concert.

Housekeeping

Vicki thanked everyone for coming to our end of year party and said that everyone enjoyed the food and the party.

Adjourn at 8:30, Joanie Arnott motioned, Brad Banister seconded to adjourn. Motion Approved

UPCOMING!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th, Galaxy Café, 6:30 p.m.

Concert in the Park, Murchison, Sunday, April 28th, more TBA