

NWACA Board Meeting Minute April 13, 2021

Zoom 6:30

Attendance: **Joanie Arrott, Robert Nash, Julie Waidelich, Chris Kaz Wojtewicz, Ruven Brooks, Ben Luckens, Teri Schock, Joyce Statz, Robyn Nunis, Carol Dochen, Richard Grayum and Louri O'Leary.**

6:34 Call to order by Joanie Arrott.

A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Joyce Statz and seconded by Robyn Nunis with small editorial changes.

Housekeeping

Membership –

Joyce shared that as of April 5th we had 774 members. Last year at this time we had 684, so we are ahead of the numbers last year.

Financial Report

Robyn Nunis provided the financial update. Total assets are currently. \$105,866.82 with business checking at \$48,541.67. Robyn will transfer money in PayPal to our bank account.

Joyce asked about an Oak Wilt payment and questioned what was paid. Robyn is going to circle back with Stephanie. We reviewed the budget and discussed business sponsorships, which includes new Business Members - Luster Hair Lounge and Capital Pain Institute. We discussed the process flow for receiving checks/donations and how the items are reflected on the budget spreadsheet. Robyn asked to be sent a copy of the spreadsheet on which we are tracking the donations that come in with membership payments, since she can't access Google Docs at the moment. Robyn paid Anderson Band and they are paid off for \$20,000 from our Project Reserve Fund, as is Doss for the bike station.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting

We had our Annual Meeting and it was very well received. We had Councilmember Alter, Carol Dochen on Oak Wilt, AFD on wild fire prevention, Constable Sam and Officer Grayson on crime and safety. We also talked about membership and provided an invitation to join NWACA. Joanie recorded the Zoom meeting and will provide the link so we can provide it on our web site and in NWACA Notes for those unable to attend. There were about 26 people on the meeting. We are hopeful that more people will attend once we resume in person meetings.

Membership Updates

Julie Waidelich shared that Business Memberships is going well and we've invited all existing members to continue through the end of the year. We have a consensus to change the membership year to a calendar year.

Interest Survey

Joyce reviewed the Interest Survey. There were four primary questions asked of our members:

1. What areas are the most important for NWACA to work on in the coming year. The majority felt that crime prevention, traffic controls and activities/events for family.
2. What civic issues should NWACA focus on? The response was highest for land development code, homelessness, funding for community amenities, property tax rates, etc.

3. Awareness of NWACA communications media? Most are familiar with the NWACA newsletter, but not as many know about NWACA Notes, NextDoor, NWACA on Facebook and the NWACA website.
4. Last question is suggestions or comments on NWACA activities or services. Most thanked NWACA for the work being done. A lot of neighbors commented that they missed the July 4th parade.

Miscellaneous

Joanie reported that we have an event being held Sunday, April 18th to help raise awareness of the upcoming elections, which are historically low in turnout. There are some propositions being put forth that will try to take advantage of the low turnout to their advantage. We are hosting an event to share key issues (pros/cons) related to the propositions. We are collaborating with approximately 8 other neighborhoods to help increase participation. People can go to the NWACA website in Quicklinks to view an article about the forum, which has the Zoom pre-registration link.

Robert Nash reported that we need to bring it to people's attention that there are some important issues at hand that people need to learn about. There's a concern that people have become complacent about issues that have a significant impact on our city and community. It's important that people become engaged and learn about issues that will affect our community.

Joanie felt it was important to share that Julie Rawlings has stepped out of her role at NWACA and Vicki DeWeese has also stated that she is being pulled in a few different directions, which will limit her time. Monique has also stepped out of her role at Communications Committee chair, as she leaves the Board. Joanie is going to do an assessment of the various committee needs and talk with our board members to consider who can step into the positions that have needs. Louri O'Leary agreed to help with the next recycling event. Joanie has asked everyone to think about potential board candidates and who might be a good fit for NWACA; a Nominations Committee may be set up to work on this.

July 4th Parade

There were questions about the plans for our July 4th parade. It is unclear what the city is allowing at this time, but there was some discussion about our liability exposure if we proceed with a parade and do not have a permit. Kaz stated the biggest reluctance is the risk of being a super spreader event. Based on the Anderson High School outbreak, there was further cause for concern about hosting an event that could potentially expose people. The plan for now is to focus on events in October, around National Night Out and Halloween as possible replacements. Robert will address this in his cover article for the May newsletter.

Robert Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Robyn approved and Carol seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.