

NWACA Board Meeting
September 28, 2022
6:30 PM via Zoom

In Attendance: Mick Koffend, Julie Waidelich, Ben Lukens (proxy for Charlie Galvin, and Vicki DeWeese), Julie Rawlings (proxy for Joyce Statz, Jessica Forrest and Connie Lundgren) Carol Dochen, Dana Winer, Richard Grayum, Teri Schock, Robert Nash, Bridget Keating

Not Able to Attend: Charlie Galvin, Vicki DeWeese, Joyce Statz, Jessica Forrest, Connie Lundgren, Chris Currens, Ruven Brooks, Kevin Kott

6:35 Call to Order

Special Project applications:

Doss Elementary

Nishi Goel- Shared with the PTA membership the student votes on wording for the mural. Making the images more oriented to the children's height and adding cutouts in front of the mural for taking pictures. The PTA, parents and administration are all in agreement as to final design. Asking \$1000 for mural painting supplies.

Anderson High School

Lauren Ward – they are looking to enhance the community space. This includes repairing the sign, landscaping, and adding picnic tables. They obtained a City of Austin grant that will cover the landscaping but asking NWACA for \$4508 for sign repair and picnic tables.

6:49 August Minutes

Carol Dochen motioned to accept the minutes Dana Winer seconded. **Minutes accepted.**

6:51 Civic Engagement- Winer

Wednesday October 19th there will be an online forum to hear from the candidates for mayor. All questions will be submitted in advance and attendees will have to sign up in advance.

AISD Board candidate forums will be held at Galaxy Café for District 4 and the Position at large, as well as forums for the AISD School Bond election.

All dates and times for these two events will be on the website and in NWACA Notes.

Dana Winer motioned to provide light refreshment for the in person AISD sessions at Galaxy. \$25 a session not to exceed \$100 total cost. Robert Nash seconded it. **Passed Unanimously 15 yes votes.**

6:58 Membership – Rawlings

We may not make our goal of 1000 members this calendar year. We did get 10 new memberships this week due to the garage sale.

Garage sale this Saturday. Advertised Craiglist, Nextdoor, FaceBook and the Austin American Statesman

7:00 Financial Updates – Koffend

As CD matures for \$5000 will increase the next to the amount of \$10,000.

Insurance has been renewed and an automatic notice for renewal has been set.

There is a reimbursement form in groups.io.

By January we want to finalize the board budget. The budget request forms from the committees are due by Nov 1st. There will be a budget draft at the November meeting. Please include total budget amount to include cash and in-kind needs.

7:06 Special Projects Vote

Lukens speaking for Galvin is not in support of Doss project due to its vulnerability to vandalism.

Rawlings motioned to give Doss \$1000 to paint the mural. **Motioned seconded. Motion passed 13 yes votes, 2 no votes.**

Rawlings motioned to give Anderson \$4508 to update and repair sign and purchase 8 picnic tables. Motion seconded. **Motions passed unanimously 15 yes votes.**

Statz (via Rawlings) suggested to put out the info for the next special project request in February 2023.

7:20 School Sponsorship – Rawlings

Historically NWACA has given \$200 annually to the PTA of each of the 7 schools that kids of our neighborhood attend. Highland Park, Doss, Hill, Murchison, Lamar Anderson and McCallum. We looked at documents gathered from the schools' concerning sponsorships and incentives from the schools.

Nash motioned that we would increase the annual donation to \$250 per school starting in 2022. Lukens seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously 15 yes votes.**

Keating is going to talk to the schools and investigate if the PTA is the best way to donate. Will ask the elementary schools about having the opportunity to put a onetime flyer from NWACA in the Wednesday folder.

7:37 Announcements and updates

Discussion about levels of business sponsorship. Waidelich suggested we stay with the monetary amounts to determine the level of sponsorship.

Strategic planning will be next month.

Fall recycling event scheduled for November 19th.

Nash wanted to recognize Connie Lungren for all her hard work on National Night Out to make it such a successful event!

7:44 Dochen motioned to adjourn meeting, Keating seconded it. Meeting adjourned.