

MNA Meeting – November 2014

Board Members Present – Fritz Hirsch, Michael Sonnleitner, Lew Scholl, Joanna Beatty, Devin Arthurs, Jennie Shaver, Kaila Thomson, Benjamin Kerensa, Mai Ho

Called to order 6:32

Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes – Joanna moves to accept with change to the date. Ben seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Kelly from SE Uplift: Information regarding Neighborhood Small Grant Program. Small postcard handout provided. Two workshops coming up, this Saturday 10-noon, and the 19th 7-9PM. Information about the workshops can be found online at SEUplift.org. Fritz notes past uses for graffiti abatement program.

Lew Scholl: Tamara from Living Stages here to propose a special meeting in December involving Living Stages. A theatre organization for community empowerment and social justice. Coordinating in the hopes of getting the community involved in social justice and the Neighborhood Association. Time required – 90 minutes. Ben adding that Fritz is expecting to call a meeting in December as well. Schedule it at 7:30 general meeting time 12/8 at UMC. Lew motions to approve. Michael seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Fritz recommends the board to give name only introductions to non-board members.

Ben: Tech tool for website – Ben moves to table until a new budget is approved.

2014-2015 Budget:

Finance meeting met last week. Discovered that a new format is needed for transparency and oversight. Current finances are unknown. Ben has recommended an online account tool. Fritz recommends changing fiscal year to match with SEUplift communication funding timeframe. Decided no at finance committee meeting. Fritz proposing an email to board members asking for proposals of activities and projects to fund. Proposals then come back to the finance committee to polish. December special meeting to vote on proposals. New budget to be ready to go in January. Lew suggesting committees work on budget proposals together. Informational email regarding budget calendar.

Mai discussing using Xero as an accounting tool for MNA. Tool is expected to make the budget and finance processes more transparent, accessible, and secure. Xero is free. Lew moves try Xero, Devin seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Laura Spidell: Proposing a boxtops for education program – proposing a collection jar at the MNA meetings – collected quarterly and distributed to the schools that are part of the program – boxtops to be divided equally. 4 schools in the neighborhood. Michael motions to approve the proposal, Lew seconds, vote passes unanimously.

Fritz: Organizational development work. Discussion to form an executive committee to work through issues in business/administrative tasks/organizational issues. Ability to work outside of the board meetings to streamline processes and workflows. Request for questions regarding creating an executive committee to come in through email, with the expectation that a vote on the proposal to take place at the December meeting.

Lew moves to adjourn, Ben seconds, motion passes, meeting adjourned.