

Montavilla Neighborhood Association
April 2016 Meeting

Attendees: Paula, John, Chris, Elaine, Jane, Michael, Benjamin, Tina (METBA)

Call to Order: 6:36 PM

Minutes Review: Secretary Absent / Item Tabled

Agenda Review: Jane requests questions why her board agenda item request was not added to board agenda. Michael indicates he put one item on the general agenda but that due to limitation of time could not accommodate being on two agendas for same item. Benjamin Kerensa encouraged adherence to historical board practice in terms of volume of agenda items and focus of board agenda items.

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Finance Report: Checking: \$3948.16, Savings: \$2698.64 and Interest

Improve Communications: Michael introduces agenda item suggesting there are some issues with communications and encouraging review of MNA Communication processes. Benjamin explains that while there could be improvement to some communication processes he discourages board from trying to rewrite FB rules and points out they have been working well and in effect for years and are now only being questioned because of a board member who violated them and did not agree with them.

Activate Committees: Michael proposes Finance Committee. Benjamin suggests no energy for finance committee and instead to address such issues in Steering Committee meeting noting this is one of the purposes for which Steering Committee was formed. Benjamin encourages reestablishing communications committee to better plan outreach and deal with communications issues.

PCC Volunteer Literacy Tutoring: Michael presents proposed draft letter to board regarding PCC Tutoring. Michael advises board that he believes a conflict of interest may exist so he has drafted the proposed letter using the name of the Vice Chair. Vice Chair points out to chair that per conflict of interest policy the presenter can introduce the agenda item but must leave the room for deliberation and voting. Michael remarks he will review the bylaws. Michael begins presenting the proposed letter to the board and agrees to leave room to allow board to deliberate. Elaine and Jane both verbally support the program and talk about the importance. Paula says the neighbors are not mentioned in this article and that is one improvement. Passes with suggested language change to include language around the benefit to neighbors and the neighborhood.

Socializing Events: Michael encourages a board social event free of board work so the board can get to know each other better and build cohesion. Agreement among board members of this suggestion and Michael proposes a Doodle be created after meeting to arrange social.

Meeting Evaluation: Tabled.

Adjourn: 7:30pm