



Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Monday June 9th 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80th St.

Board Members Present: Laura Spidell, Lew Scholl, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Diana Marshall, Fritz Hirsch, Roger Warren, Stephen Rice, Benjamin Kerensa
Neighbors & Guests: Michael Sonnectner, Marc Jolin

Meeting called to order @ 6:32pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved with no additions.

Approval of March Board Mtg Minutes: Minutes are available online and accepted as is.

Treasurers Report: Diana reported that the MNA currently has \$2421.00 in its checking account and \$2667.89 in its savings account (see "MNA Bank Accounts"). \$1204.00 was deposited (see "MNA Budget Report") from the Neighborhood Cleanup. Raydeen deserves special recognition for her efficiency in keeping the line moving. Raydeen also demonstrated compassion by receiving what families could donate if they arrived without the suggested fee. A warm thanks to Raydeen. In regards to the Budget, Diana is requesting quarterly budget reports from each subcommittee (to be filed at SEUL) to assist in the MNA's budget creation and maintenance. Reference to changing the budgetary year was made, though this discussion will be revisited at the July meeting.

Summer School Camp- Diana brings a letter from Romanna Flores reminding us of our commitment to supporting her in her endeavors to bring a STEM camp to Jr High students in Montavilla this summer. Romanna is requesting the MNA donate \$240 for t-shirts for an estimated 20 students and their mentors. The camp is titled "4-H Young Makers Camp" and is sponsored by the 4-H Tech Wizards Program and PCC SE Center with OSU. It's a weeklong camp for students who attend a Montavilla 6-8th grade school from August 4-8th at a mere cost of \$35 per student. Upon viewing the budget at Fritz's request, Diana and Laura note that there is approximately \$275 left in unused grand funds under the MNA Education Grant via the Education Committee. This camp is indeed educationally based and Romanna had come and presented to us in the spring, thus all requirements are fulfilled for receiving such Grant monies.

- ✓ Lew makes a motion the MNA donate the full \$275 to the 4-H Young Makers Camp through Romanna Flores. The motion is seconded by Roger. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Mailing List: Fritz is challenging the value of having a public mailing list vs the private mailing list the Board predominantly uses. Laura and Diana claim they always

choose “private” for fear of not following guidelines. Ben states our public board emailing list is multipurposeful and is available via the website. Ben provides the SEUL guidelines regarding Board emails. He encourages us to use the public list more often so that our neighbors can see more of what we are discussing, deciding and working on. Diana mentions many folks like to view the agenda via email. Lew, Ben and Roger are concerned about the bylaws regarding Board emails in regards to items we may or may not vote on. Ben clarifies we can have discussions but we can’t vote or deliberate to vote, so any item that may lead to such an event should not be discussed via email. Steve and Fritz feel like we’re doing a good job in our efforts to stay within these bylaws. Ben requesting our SEUL liaison (Peter) be here before we vote or continue this debate. Fritz asks we make a motion and move on.

- ✓ A motion is made to eliminate the public mailing list by Lew and seconded by Ben. The motion is approved with one abstention.

METBA and JOIN Request: Mark Jolin from JOIN is here with Fritz to present to the Board a request to match METBA’s donation of \$600 to JOIN for Stark Street Cleanup. JOIN’s “New Beginnings Landscaping” is a subset of their organization that puts homeless folks to work and pays them a decent wage while trying to find them permanent housing and job placement. JOIN’s clients receive 20 hours a week in landscape work plus large projects (fences, patios, etc.) as well as classroom time, job training and housing assistance. Fritz is suggesting we tag our Neighborhood Cleanup money for this request as it’s easier for donors and neighborhood folks to get on board with donations if they are specified (ex Burgerville Community Partnership Nights and Concerts in the Park). JOIN is looking to expand their community partnerships to widen the range of their services to Glisan St and 82nd Ave. Fritz suggests we use the total \$1200 from the Neighborhood Cleanup (\$600 to Stark and \$600 to Glisan) to JOIN indicating our desire to see the services expanded to Glisan. Stefanie suggests we present an additional \$600 for Glisan to METBA and ask for a match from THEM for Glisan. Laura and Ben would like to review the budget as this is a large amount of money and will essentially drain 30% of the annual budget. Roger suggesting we offer half (\$300) to Stark and plan to offer more later but for Glisan. Mark reminding us that Stark would receive half of the time and services if we only match that amount; \$600 gets us 6 First Fridays and the July Fest. Steve would like to look at this as an annual investment and prefers we request the matching money be specified for Glisan St. Laura continues to question our budget and the timing of this partnership.

- ✓ A motion is made to match METBA’s request of \$600 from our Neighborhood Clean Up funds from this year with the contingency that METBA match \$300 towards Glisan St. in the future by Lew. Roger seconds the motion. The motion passes with 3 no’s.

MNA Meeting Format Changes: Steve suggesting we change our meeting formats to a monthly 85 min for the Board and 60 min for the General meeting not including a 15 min meet and greet with refreshments prior to each meeting.
Board Meeting Changes: Fritz recommending we have a “time keeper” from the board (and a backup time keeper) and to categorize each meeting to facilitate more discussion, promote individual thoughts prior to a meeting and keep them more

organized. Fritz and Diana would like a calendar to serve as a framework for repetitive items already plugged in that require fiscal decisions and quarterly budget reports. Fritz recommending each meeting have a general format that can be tweaked as the meeting approaches. Steve (see handout) would like to ensure the 5 focus areas from the Strategic Planning Meetings will be touched on at each meeting (2nd page includes ideas).

General Meeting Changes: A time keeper would serve here as well, and these meetings also need to be fine-tuned.

- ✓ A motion to table the discussion regarding changing the Board Meeting and General Meeting times and formats until the July meeting is made by Fritz and seconded by Laura. The motion is approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Submitted by: Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary