Millers Bay Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:10-7:50 PM (Member Home)

Member Participants: Polly Kimball, Reni Lynch, Linda Reiff

Members Unable to Attend: Mushe Subulwa & Carolyn Edgarton

Item #1 Treasurer Update

A Checking Account has been set up at Old National Bank with a deposit of $310.00. $51.92 petty cash has been set aside per prior Board decision to provide timely reimbursements for small purchases or to purchase items on a "need it now" basis.

A preliminary budget was drafted and will be presented once all known annual expenses have been identified. Noted is the $1000.00 available through CB&E (Community Building & Engagement) funding by Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods

Item #2 Website Update

The Board thanks Adam Kimball for his work in updating the "Look" and content on our website.

Missing Board Meeting Minutes will be added: January and February of 2022, December of 2021. Virtual and porch meetings held during the Pandemic to be located and posted also.

It was suggested to consider the possibility of adding a drop-down Message Center for neighbors who have not given us their e-address and may seek information from the website instead. Plan is to present this idea to Adam.

Item #3 Recap of Skate the Bay/United Way Outreach/Volunteer Hours

Attendance: Millers Bay Neighbors= 21 Near Neighbors & Guest= 22 $50.00 given to Dr. Eric who provided skates/helmets, etc.

2-1-1 Flyers were distributed throughout the entire neighborhood by neighborhood volunteers.

Volunteer Hours and their importance was discussed. Hours are collected quarterly and sent on to Cora at Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods. These hours are translated into dollar amounts ($28.54/hour as of 4/1/21). In turn, the total dollar amount is reported to the City to validate the contribution neighborhoods make in promoting our city as a great place to live, work and play.

Polly collects all volunteer hours for our neighborhood and submits them quarterly.

Item #4 Good Neighbor Grants for 2022 Great Neighborhood Program

Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhoods is sponsoring Good Neighbor Grants through the generosity of the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation and the City of Oshkosh. The goal of the Grants are to encourage exterior improvements, on the street side, by property owners in a recognized neighborhood association as designated by the City.

Homeowners can be reimbursed up to $750 after the first $250 is paid by the applicant. Hopes are to increase the number of projects in 2022 to forty…up from 20 in 2021. Information and applications will begin to be accepted on April 15th.

How to get this information out to our members was discussed. Decision made to send out a Did You Know? communication as soon as all details are made known. Reni will draft this message.

Applications for the Great Neighborhood Program is now open. This program provides funding for neighborhood projects that benefit the public. Committees are encouraged to obtain funding via this opportunity. Information can be found on the City of Oshkosh website.

Item #5 Welcome Bags & How to Identify New Residents

Six Welcome Bags have been obtained to get us started again in welcoming new residents. Bag contents were reviewed and the following suggestions made to make them unique to our neighborhood. Linda will check with the City in hopes of adding the City Garbage & Recycling Guide. Reni will print copies of the

Welcome Letter and Neighborhood Map. Reni will also research the history of the Pineapple as a "SYMBOL of WELCOME" and design a plan for a fresh pineapple & its message to be included in the Welcome Bag.

How to identify new neighbors discussed again. Some good suggestions were to revisit the street by street monitors to recognize a sale near them. Member Services would reach out to these monitors quarterly for updates and arrange for a formal welcome to the Neighborhood. Another idea was to contact Brandon at the City to print out a listing of current neighbors every 3-6 months to compare with the previous print out to identify changes in homeowners. Reni will reach out to Brandon.

Item #6 Upcoming Activities

Clean Sweep – Plan for April 26th. Gather/donut holes/coffee (Starbucks) beginning at 8:30. Pick up debris along Menominee Drive Park/Ames Point and E. Cook School grounds. Message to be sent out 10 days prior and day before the event. No flyers will be distributed.

Kites of the Bay – Refer project to Ruth. Looking at first Saturday in May.

Happy Hour – Tuesday, April 19th being considered at Karmali's beginning at 4:30. Polly will check availability.

Item #7 10th Anniversary Celebration

Only 3 neighbors expressed interest in planning for a celebration event. Decision was made to bring them together with the Board on April 25th to gather ideas and then for the committee to reach out for appropriate support to make the good ideas "happen." An Idea Generating session will take place on Monday April 25th @ 6:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 25th at 6:00 PM at Reni's home with Idea Generating Meeting for Anniversary Celebration to follow at 6:30.