Millers Bay Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 20, 2017
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Emmeline Cook Elementary School

Welcome
Our 5th General Membership Meeting was called to order by Board President, Ruth McGinley, following a continental breakfast.

MBNA Board and Committee Introductions
Current Board members for 2016-2017 were introduced. They include; Ruth McGinley, Polly Kimball, Patty Toraason, Pam Elmer, Patty Lorfeld, Mike Ford and Chris Stuedemann. Patty Toraason's term of office has been completed and she was thanked for her leadership on the board. Members of all the committees were recognized and thanked for the time and effort they give to MBNA all year.

Treasurer's Report
Current balance is $335.79

Highlights of 2016-2017

George Washington Triangle-Pam Elmer

Researched the idea of adding a Christmas tree to the George Washington Triangle. The cost for this, including lighting and insurance, is approximately $725.

A historical marker is planned for the George Washington statue in the triangle. Awaiting input from SEH regarding style, size and location. Will work with Landmarks for sign content.

Additional decorative street lights have been placed on each of the three corners of the triangle.

Streetscape Plan-Ruth McGinley

Reviewed RFP's from six design firms and chose Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH) to design our plan. The city council approved our request and initial work began in 2016. MBNA is collaborating with the city and the NorthShore neighborhood association on the plan. The final plan will include priorities chosen by the neighborhoods and will be implemented over a period of time.

Participated in a Walking tour and Visioning Session on April 26. Visioning Session #2 will be held on July 12 at 6 PM in the gym at Emmeline Cook School. The date of the final plan is yet to be determined.

Community Building and Engagement Funds- Adam Kimball

Purchased a 10'x10' Event Canopy, a portable sound system and additional street signs for our neighborhood using CB&E funds.

Emmeline Cook Beautification Project – Polly Kimball

The project is ongoing. Completed to date are new perimeter fencing, entrance plaza, landscaping, lighting, sign and a larger parking lot. Still to be completed are new bike racks and reconstruction of the softball field.

The playground will get a new piece of equipment to replace the wood structure.

The current softball field will be excavated and moved slightly to meet code. There will be a new backstop, fencing, player benches and a small set of bleachers for spectators. Work should begin on the field this summer.

All of these improvements are possible through money received from the Oshkosh School District, the City of Oshkosh, grants, the Community Foundation, Emmeline Cook PTO and generous donations from many city residents.

Project Curb
Oshkosh4Education is sponsoring a one day event to beautify the 17 schools in Oshkosh. Project Curb will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on September 23. They are looking for volunteers for each school and funding to complete the project. For more info and to sign up to help the Oshkosh4Education website.

GO-HNI

Reni Lynch, a board member of GO-HNI explained the mission of the organization. GO-HNI stands for Greater Oshkosh Healthy Neighborhood Inc, It is a private/public nonprofit community development corporation dedicated to strengthening Oshkosh neighborhoods by engaging residents, encouraging reinvestment and elevating community pride

Interest Survey – Patty Toraasen

An interest survey will be taken today. A list of events and activities are on the flip boards and everyone was encouraged to sign up for activities that interested. This is part of an effort by MBNA to have additional activities geared toward the interests of our neighbors. Categories are: Interaction (Book Club, Card Club, Knitting/Quilting, Crafts and Music), Information Sharing (Technology, Photography, Gardening, Property Beautification and Sustainability), Outdoor Fun (Biking, Kayaking, Running, Walking, and Golfing) and Family Fun (Kickball, Softball, Trivia, Kite Flying and 4th of July Parade).

Upcoming Events

Popcorn in the Park, Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 P.M. Nevada St. at Menominee Drive
Annual Rummage Sale, Saturday. August 19
Neighborhood Night Out, Tuesday, August 1 6:00 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Urban Forestry Grant

The city has received an Urban Forestry grant from the DNR to provide educational workshops, terrace trees, emerald ash borer treatment on public properties and trees for individual homeowners. Workshops will be offered on June 10 at 9:00 A.M. at Merrill Middle School and June 17 at 9:00 A.M. at Washington School. An August date and location is yet to be determined. Each workshop participant will have an opportunity to enter a drawing for one of 30 trees.

Board of Directors Nominations

Anne Gassere was nominated for the open position on the Board. Nominations were opened to the floor, none were received. Voting by a show of hands was held, and Anne Gassere was elected to serve a two year term on the Board of Directors.

Ruth thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to sign up on the Interest Survey boards.

Door Prizes were won by Bob Weston and Tom Kloeckl.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Kimball