

Minutes from IHLNA Board meeting Jan. 14, 2020

In attendance:

Mary Louise Bachman, hostess extraordinaire
Grant Gelhardt, president
Ashley Arrington, treasurer
Doug Martin, member at large
Joe Gabriel, member at large
Edward Reid, member at large
Betsy Tabac
KC Smith
Marie-Claire Leman
Ramona Abernathy-Paine, secretary, recording

Miscellaneous

A request was made for a financial summary to be presented at all board meetings.

Nene Fest

1) Decision: date of Nene Fest is April 25, 2020. This had been assumed but not officially established.

Marie-Claire is in charge of the race, which is the morning of Nene Fest. Jessica and Ashley will arrange insurance to cover the race.

Marie Claire is following up with others who are working on project:

Kevin Hattaway, business;

Marney and Claudia on food. This team is checking with Community Co-op Market to see if they will work with us on providing food as New Leaf did for years. We voted to raise the price of the dinners from \$5 to \$6 per plate.

Richard Bertram will manage the stage and sound with assistance from Grant; Professional Sound PWC will be providing sound.

Grant will reserve the park and club house for neighborhood use; will manage stage set-up.

Melissa Farley will handle T-shirt sales.

Charity Myers is doing the T-shirt design.

Doug will manage the puppet show.

2) Decision: Ashley moved the NA contribute \$100 toward puppet show expenses; seconded and passed unanimously.

Marie-Claire will follow up with Sundiata Compost Community for recycling and compost collection and disposal. Neighborhood Association pays \$300+/- for the service.

Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes would like to coordinate an art show and auction of donated art works. Ann Barrett and Krista Dolan are coordinating this. The plan is to accept art pieces only, but any kind of art. Display equipment is needed and is expected to be provided by the donating artists. Proceeds from the auction are to go to Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes. Krista will organize an art talk ahead of the event.

Edward will handle signs with Marney's help. These will be the signs for compost and trash cans, menu signs for food tables. Booth holders are responsible for their own signs.

Marie-Claire will work with Tim Carter across the street whose yard is impacted by the festival.

Newsletter will run an ad for bands who want to play. At least one member of the band must live in Indianhead or Lehigh neighborhood. Mark Russell is grandfathered in and will end the show.

Patty Sharp will handle tents. There was a call for additional sun tarps for shade in addition to the canopies.

Ashley gave a breakdown of the funding required for the race:

TPD road closure	\$25
Equipment rental	\$100
Refundable deposit	\$250
Donation to timer	\$250

Race proceeds go to Hartsfield School.

3) Decision: Mary Louise moved, Edward seconded that the neighborhood association cover these costs to increase what the school receives. The motion carried unanimously.

Newsletter

KC presented a schedule of dates important for publication.

Items in Spring newsletter:

- Financial report
- Hartsfield Corner including choir's trip to Carnegie Hall
- Review of developments around our neighborhood which may impact us. Ramona will write
- Announcement of neighborhood yard sale on April 11

Whether the newsletter will be 8 or 16 pages depends on receiving sufficient ad revenue to cover the larger version. Ads should be neighborhood-related. Ashley will send Grant a list of previous advertisers for solicitation.

At Robin Wainer's suggestion KC is working on an application to submit our newsletter to Neighborhoods USA, a national organization that recognizes outstanding neighborhood efforts. There is no requirement to attend the ceremony in Little Rock, AR to receive the award but there is a \$65 application fee. After a discussion of the attention, visibility and other benefits that come to our neighborhood for receiving such awards, agreement was reached to pay the fee.

4) Decision: it was approved by the group to pay the fee.

Membership drive.

Ashley is coordinating the annual drive in January. An announcement of the February 23 annual neighborhood meeting will be added to the flier. Ashley is sending via e-mail the previous flier for input, additions and corrections. Sandy, Shelly and Charity will receive this in addition to those at the meeting Jan 14.

Distribution will be the first week of February.

Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes requested registration information be included on the flier.

Annual Meeting

Ramona is coordinating this. The date is Sunday, February 23, 2020. Ramona has reserved Optimist Park Clubhouse for our use from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm with our event running from 1-3.

Proposed agenda:

- 15 minutes for introduction of officers and board members, telling them a bit about ourselves and what we do. Mention of projects and events the board manages for the 'hood, calendar of upcoming events. Call for additional at large board members.
- 10 minutes for Questions from audience
- 15 minutes for Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes who will have literature available and to explain their program
- 20 minutes. Marney, Connie Bersok and Lora Signs will present information on gardening with native plants to support wildlife and get our neighborhood recognized as a Neighborhood Community Wildlife Habitat. Marney is working on a slide show for the annual meeting.
- Event will end with neighbors sharing native plants from their yards.
- Marney will work with Ramona to get the necessary announcements out about all aspects of this event.

Website ihlna.org

Marie-Claire is still looking for a high school student who will help us update the website for better usability. A request was made to include a calendar which can more easily be updated. Edward posted the November board minutes and is still working on a way to allow the secretary to post future updates.

County Neighborhood of the Year award

IHLNA has won this in previous years. Grant is working on the application and will send it to Ramona for review and assistance.

Developments

Lafayette Gardens was granted the 3 or 4 deviations they had requested for the project. It continues into design phase with construction perhaps starting in 2020. Building permits have not yet been let.

Magnolia Multiuse trail is moving forward in sections. Doug and Tony Biblo continue to monitor the project. Underground utilities are being laid in the first section from Monroe to Meridian. Additional utilities will go underground as the project moves toward Apalachee Parkway. Three houses were taken by eminent domain for right of way. After considerable effort the city was not able to locate the owners of these vacant properties.

Concern was raised about abandoned houses in the neighborhood. All we can do is report them to Code Enforcement who will cite and fine the properties. As long as the property taxes are paid no legal action can be taken.

Board members

Mary Louise is stepping down from the board, though she graciously offered continued use of her home for meetings. Ramona's seat is also vacant since she was elected secretary at the November meeting. We need two at-large board members. Ashley would also like to step down and asked that we find a replacement for her as treasurer.

5) Decision: It was agreed that anyone coming in as treasurer should serve at least one term (2 years) on the board before becoming treasurer.

These needs will be announced at the annual meeting.

Adjournment and next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 without setting the date for the next board meeting.