

Minutes from IHLNA Board meeting August 25, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 via Google Meet

In attendance:

Grant Gelhardt, president

Marney Richards, vice-president

Joe Gabriel, member at large

Edward Reid, member at large

KC Smith

Marie-Claire Leman

Ramona Abernathy-Paine, secretary, recording

Miscellaneous

As was noted at the last meeting June 24, at an earlier meeting a request had been made that a financial summary be made at all board meetings; none was requested or presented at this meeting.

Communications, website-Marney Richards

Board discussed improvements that can be made to the neighborhood website (ihlna.org) to make the site more useable for distributing information to neighbors. The website is built on a WordPress platform.

Access to posting on the website needs to be expanded to the secretary and perhaps others. The secretary will post minutes on the website after they have been approved by the board.

Some of the suggestions to add to the website are:

- a calendar of events, listing upcoming board and general meetings, festivals, etc.
- a stable place to post notices and information needed by neighbors
- bylaws

Action item: Marney and Ramona Abernathy-Paine will develop a list of changes requested

Action item: Edward Reid, with assistance from Joe Gabriel, will explore how the structure of the website can be augmented to provide the requested changes. If needed, Grant will put out a request to the neighborhood for further technical assistance. Ramona also has a contact whom we can hire to make changes that we cannot accomplish on our own.

Action item: Once the changes are made Ramona, as secretary, will keep content up to date.

Possible new board members-Grant Gelhardt

Action item: Grant will invite Rhonda Cooper to attend our next board meeting. No date for that was established.

Newsletter-KC Smith

KC shared with us that our Optimist newsletter placed 4th in a field of 8 finalists in the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) wards.

KC Smith reviewed the list of articles she has lined up for the next issue, confirming with those present that they were comfortable getting information to her by Friday, Aug. 28 (no later than Sunday, Aug. 30). Each article can be 400-500 words. Articles expected are:

- Marie-Claire Leman-South City Foundation and Hartsfield Elementary
- Joe Gabriel-get out the vote for November 3 General Election
- Joe and Judy Rainbrook-Community Safety
- Ramona-developments around our area
- Betsy-Neighbor-to-Neighbor in the Nenes
- Terry Kant-Rauch-homes
- Sandy Neidert-projects neighbors have undertaken while in isolation due to corona virus pandemic
- KC has fillers on going green in the kitchen if they are needed
- Charity Meyers reported to KC that there will be about the same number of ads as previously.

Providence Neighborhood is seeking our assistance in setting up their own newsletter.

South City Foundation-Marie-Claire Leman

Board voted unanimously to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding, joining the South City Foundation Leadership Council. Marie-Claire is our representative.

A team of people will be assembled to develop the project called for in the MOU. The foundation provides grants of \$1000 for each of two years to support these projects.

Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes-Betsy Tabac

N3 continues to improve their organization, incorporating what they learn as they identify neighbors who require services and in providing those services. When N3 has further developed their organization, Betsy will come back to the board with a request for additional funds.

Action item: Betsy will contact KC to put information in the newsletter, seeking additional assistance in developing this organization.

Bylaws-Marney Richards, Ramona Abernathy-Paine

Marney presented a review of suggestions that were gathered a couple of years ago to improve how our neighborhood board functions. Three items on that list will require amending our current bylaws:

- Identify how a candidate for president is nominated
- Specify length of term for officers and board members
- Allow any board member to call a meeting of the board or general meeting of the neighborhood if needed.

Action item: Marney and Ramona will draft suggested language for these changes.

Action item: Suggestions previously made will be distributed to the board, along with comments and updating, for review.

Action item: Original bylaws, with suggested draft language changes, will be distributed to the board for review.

Action item: After the board adopts new language in bylaws, the bylaws will be distributed to the neighborhood for ratification as specified in the bylaws.

Committees-Grant Gelhardt and Marie-Claire Leman

Halloween party-Marie-Claire

Women's Run-Grant

Holiday bike ride-Marie-Claire

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55. No date was set for future meetings.