

## Minutes from IHLNA General Meeting November 13, 2022

**Board members present:** Marie-Claire Leman, Ashley Arrington, KC Smith, Ceci Michelotti, Melissa Harley, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, and John Tomasino (who prepared the minutes)

Board Members Absent: Jason Khan-Hohensee, Edward Reid, Doug Martin, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Laura Dearman, and Katie Clark

Other neighbors in attendance: Carol Burch, Karla Brandt, Mary Louise Bachman, Judith Rainbrook, Carrie Gaudio, D.M. Kelly, Sonia Crockett, Connie Bersok, Ramona Abernathy-Paine, Ernie Paine, Walter Liddell, Chantel Hormuth, Fayon Jones, Yasmin Khan-Hohensee, Linda Meadows, Kristin Power-Blaiklock, Gordon Maggil, Arlesia Matthis, Marney Richards, and Angel Hirai

The meeting, held at the clubhouse at Optimist Park, began shortly after 1:00 pm. The attendees and Board members introduced themselves.

**Treasurer's report:** Melissa presented the Treasurer's Report. Please see the attached report. Total balance of \$15,779.85. One attendee asked about what appears to be a high insurance cost.

**Presentation on the benefits of planting native milkweed:** The planned speaker was not able to be at the event. Eli gave an overview of why this is an important topic to help the endangered monarch butterflies. Eli summarized that the non-native species of milkweed can be detrimental as they cause the butterflies to stay too long into the season, to their detriment. Eli sought input on whether there was interest from those in attendance on learning more and maybe finding areas where we can nurture and grow the native varieties. The group was enthusiastic about this endeavor.

**Presentation by Hartsfield Elementary's IB Primary Years Program by Fayon Jones, Program Coordinator:** Marie-Claire introduced Ms. Jones, who is the program coordinator of the brand new IB program at Hartsfield Elementary. Ms. Jones gave an overview of the program, her experiences with it as a student and adult, and how this will be a great addition to the scholarly programs at Hartsfield Elementary. Neighbors with young children asked several questions regarding the program.

### **Neighborhood Business:**

Sonia Crockett introduced Carrie Gaudio, the new Executive Director of Neighbor to Neighbor in the Nenes. Ms. Gaudio discussed her long term connections to our neighborhood and her professional work which has prepared her for this exciting new position.

Marie-Claire asked if there were any issues the attendees wanted to discuss. Karla Brandt expressed concern about someone making "improvements" to the greenway. She relayed

they are building new pieces of trail, piling up debris and removing understory. She is concerned that this is unlawful activity and she has reported it to the city. Marie-Claire suggested that we put the issue on a future agenda. Connie suggested seeking city input on how we can resurrect our greenway and this unsanctioned activity might be a good way to get that conversation going with the city.

There was a brief discussion regarding the house on Chuli Nene where there have been several arrests. Ramona relayed that the City's code enforcement division is mainly reactionary, so it is very important for concerned neighbors to call. One neighbor asked if there was a possible draft letter that could be shared with concerned neighbors that could be used as a starting point for contacting the various city departments and possible elected officials who represent our neighborhood. There was general support for this idea but no volunteer came forward to draft the letter.

### **Election of Board Members:**

Marie-Claire nominated Betsy Tabac to the Board. Marie-Claire distributed ballots. The following Board members were up for reelection and included on the ballot:

- Ashley Arrington
- Marie-Claire Leman
- Doug Martin
- Edward Reid
- KC Smith
- John Tomasino

All Board members were reelected with a majority vote of those present. Betsy Tabac was also voted as a new Board member.

### **Upcoming Neighborhood Events**

Next IHLNA Board meeting, Thursday, December 1, 7 pm

Holiday Lights Ride, Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

Neighborhood Yard Sale, Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 12 pm

Nene Fest 2023, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

The meeting concluded shortly before 3 pm.

**IHLNA Financial Statement  
January 1-November 27, 2022**

**Beginning Bank Balance** **\$12,988.94**

**Revenue:**

IHLNA dues and donations	\$6,109.00
Spring Optimist Ads	\$225.00
Nenefest 5K registration fees and donations	\$3,672.00
Nenefest Merchandise Sales	\$2,898.29
Fall Optimist Ads	\$380.00
Reimbursement for Fruit Tree Project	\$1,038.10

**Total Revenue:** **\$14,322.39**

**Expenses between February 1 and November 27, 2022**

Hartsfield Family Resource Center	\$2,000.00
Gandy-membership flyer	\$156.15
Black's Ponies	\$500.00
PSG-Nenefest stage	\$1,476.00
Auto-Owners insurance paymen	\$1,046.27
Homestead-Nenefest Merchandise	\$1,369.48
FL Dept. of State	\$61.25
Gandy-Spring Optimist	\$887.20
Just Fruits-Fruit Tree Project	\$962.31
GWTC-5K Equipment Rental	\$125.00
Neighborhoods USA* (not cleared)	\$65.00
City of Tallahassee-Nenefest	\$412.57
Neighbor to Neighbor	\$2060.00
PayPal fees	\$55.25
Larry McCraw-Halloween Band	\$400.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$11,576.48**

**Current Balance - November 27, 2022** **\$15,799.85**

**Savings Account Balance as of November 27, 2022** **\$135.27**