

## Minutes from IHLNA Board Meeting, March 2, 2023

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**Board members present:** Marie-Claire Leman, Ceci Michelotti, John Tomasino, Melissa Farley, Eli Wilkins-Malloy, KC Smith, Ashley Arrington, Jason Khan-Hohensee, and Edward Reid

**Board members absent:**, Doug Martin, Katie Clark, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, Katherine Milla

**Other neighbors in attendance:** Betsy Tabac, Mary Bachman, Carrie Gaudio, Gordon Magill, Betty Cummins

### 1. Agenda and Minutes:

The meeting began shortly after 7:00. Melissa shared updated numbers regarding our financial health.

Marie-Claire asked John to discuss his suggestion for switching to a passive acceptance of the minutes. The Board discussed this idea and agreed to continue giving Board members a set time to make suggestions to the minutes but if no response received in a reasonable time, then they would be shown as approving the minutes. The change passed unanimously. Additionally, John suggested that if there isn't a quorum present for a particular meeting, that we post the minutes, but make clear they were not officially approved due to lack of a quorum. So will post informal minutes for the meetings without a quorum of members present.

### 2. Updates and neighbor concerns:

New items brought by neighbors, if any:

None

### 3. Board issues

Quorum at Board Meetings

Marie-Claire began the discussion, stating that we hadn't had a quorum since the summer. All of us miss a meeting from time to time but the issue of constant absences is always a difficult subject to bring up. When Laura couldn't make the meetings any longer, she stepped down. Is Thursday at 7 pm is still good for everyone? No one responded to Marie-Claire's email about whether this isn't a good time and date of the month to meet. Ceci volunteered to reach out to the absent Board members. Marie Claire also suggested making a calendar invite so perhaps that would help members remember the meeting. We will meet in person in April. Marie-Claire will Doug, Katie, and Charlotte directly asking about the date and time, and if no response, then Ceci, Eli and Marie-Claire will reach out directly.

## Membership Drive:

Recently went to the delivery people. Marie-Claire will now post on Facebook. The form can be mailed in or people can use PayPal to make their contribution.

## Spring Newsletter

The plan is to have a meeting with those involved with the newsletter this weekend. It is very important that we meet our deadline for the Spring newsletter since several events follow the delivery. Articles need to be in ASAP. Linda needs to get the newsletter done by the end of March because of her unavailability. Gordon and Carrie turned in their articles early!

## Insurance

We renew it every April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost keeps increasing. The last bill was over \$1,000. Ashley suggested checking with our agent. Melissa will follow up with questions to our agent on whether we think it will remain stable or if there have been any recent changes to our policy.

## 4. Discussion of up-coming events

### Yard Sale on April 15th

There is no cost for those who are up-to-date on their membership dues. If you haven't paid your dues, then you need to pay the dues amount or \$10.00. This is a good time and opportunity to collect additional membership dues. Melissa has a prior commitment so seeking volunteers to collect any new dues. Marie-Claire and Ceci volunteered to handle those duties.

## Nene Fest 2023

The Committee met on March 1<sup>st</sup> via Zoom. Anyone is still encouraged to join the planning committee. The committee is planning on largely planning via a Google Doc so little time needed with meeting time. The music people who bring the equipment seem to have an additional event this same day. To go with the same people, it would be \$675 additional on top of last year's money. It was \$400 additional last year. There is now this extra increase. It would be almost \$2,000. Marie-Claire wants us to explore possibly getting a stage from an alternative source. The city can provide a stage for \$99.00/hour, or at least they could be used last year. Carrie provided several low-cost options for our review. Ryan Wilke is handling the booths and Eli is handling grilling.

There was a contest for a design for this year's logo and the planning committee agreed on a winning design. They will unveil the design after informing all the artist of the decision.

5. Other business

6. Next meeting: April 6, 2023, in person, at Optimist Park.