

Mather Heights Neighborhood Association

Date/Time: August 17, 2015, 6:00 pm
Location: St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lobby

August 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Hamilton, Cheryl Vandersteen, Leslie Pierce, Judy Hermesen

Residences: Sue Hernandez; Kyle Skags; Robert Heroux, Jill Kern, Bernie Erickson, Vicki Piron

Absent: Brett Koespel, Becky Gross-Kupsky

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Deb Hamilton, President
2. Introduction of New President
 - a. Deb Hamilton introduced self and position switch between Deb Hamilton and Brett Koespel and that the switch was due to Brett's work schedule.
 - b. Motion to accept switch by Leslie Pierce, Seconded by Vicki Piron, **Motion Unanimously Carried**
3. Approval / Additions to Agenda
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 - i. Vote for President and Treasurer to switch positions – Attachment A
 - ii. Vote for Cheryl Vandersteen as Vice President – Resignation of Current Vice President – Attachment B
4. Approval of Secretary's Minutes from July 20, 2015 Meeting
 - a. Motion by Judy Hermesen seconded by Deb Hamilton to accept minutes, **Motion Carried**
5. Treasurer's Report / Approval
 - a. \$807.64 in checking; 530.40 in savings for a total of \$1,338.04.
 - b. One (1) check is outstanding to Brett Koespel for National Night Out.
 - c. NNO Expense recap, expenses were \$225.48 including snacks, water, coloring books.
 - d. Discussion on National Night out turnout and recap of suggestions
 - i. Future NNO's should include the following:
 1. Hot Dogs, this is at dinner time
 2. Band/Music of some kind
 3. Clown/Balloons
 4. Fire Department
 5. Police
 6. All Federal, State, City Elected Officials
 - e. Motion by Leslie Pierce, seconded by Deb Hamilton to reimburse all National Night Out Expenses. **Motion Carried.**
6. Brat Barn Update / Report
 - a. Schedule a meeting in approximately one (1) week to plan the event.
 - i. Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 6:30 at St Paul's Methodist, Lobby
 - b. Three (3) hour shifts are needed, 1 to grill; 1 to sell; 1 to serve; 1 to run works best

7. Atkinson Park Celebration Update / Report
 - a. The Mayor's Office has offered to help plan the event
 - b. Date is yet to be determined; Leslie Pierce will contact Mark Steuer to determine if there is a completion date available?
 - c. Suggestions by the Mayor's office and others for a fall celebration were:
 - i. Elected Officials, state, federal, local, Mayor, Cheryl from GBNLC office
 - ii. Mayor's office suggest we supply
 1. Sundae's
 2. Hot Apple Cider
 3. Hot Chocolate
 - iii. Attendees would supply
 1. Picnic Lunch/Dinner
 - iv. Invite Police
 - v. Invite Fire Department
 - vi. Ask Officials to say a few words
 - d. Additional planning will be completed when a completion date is known.

8. Newsletter Update / Report
 - a. Costs were:
 - i. \$178.00 / Printing
 - ii. \$541.00 / Mail
 - iii. \$ 50.00 / Prep to Mail
 - iv. \$769.00 / Total Costs
 - b. Original costs were estimated at \$924 - \$964. We saved \$200 by using bulk mailing.
 - c. Motion to reimburse mailing costs to Deb Hamilton of \$50.00 by Judy Hermsen seconded by Leslie Pierce. **Motion Carried**

9. Annual Meeting Update/Report
 - a. Meeting will be part of our next regular meeting on October 19, 2015, refreshments will be served.
 - b. Motion to mail postcards two (2) weeks prior to the meeting by Deb Hamilton, seconded by Vicki Piron. **Motion Carried**
 - c. Elections for President, Treasurer, and Members at Large.
 - d. Secretary and Vice President are elected in 2016.

10. Old Business
 - a. Leadership Council Meeting Report
 - i. A report of the Leadership Council was provided by Leslie Pierce; see Attachment C.

11. New Business
 - a. Bernie Erickson – Brown County Supervisor
 - i. Bernie provided an overview of how we can work with Bernie to better our Neighborhood
 - ii. He also provided information on an insurance program for people who may not have health or dental insurance
 - iii. Informed us of a Veterans Day at the Brown County Fair
 - iv. Also had many suggestions on fundraisers for the Association to use
 1. Gift Certificates that are donated by local business and hung on a tree and raffled off
 2. Creating our own postcards on card stock
 - v. Crime update – trying to find solutions for those 18 and over who need assistance with drug dependence, they fall through the cracks. While large crimes are down, the small crimes are increasing.

- vi. Southwest Library will not be closing but be increased in size
- vii. Suggested residences check what is actually increasing on their tax bills
- b. Kyle Skags is requesting that permanent Volleyball Courts be placed at Mather Heights Park.
 - i. There does seem to be room for 2 or 3 courts, they should be placed so that balls are not ending up in the street.
 - ii. The request will be forwarded to Mark Steuer to bring to the correct people at the City.
 - iii. Bernie Erickson suggested calling Dawn Cramer, also he will put the request on his agenda.
 - 1. Dawn may be able to take care of it immediately through Mark Steuer.
- c. Grant – 2015
 - i. The Grant for 2015 has not been applied for and will be completed by Leslie Pierce with a target date of September 1st.
- d. Motion to Nominate Cheryl Vandersteen as Vice President to complete the vacancy left by Becky Kupsky-Gross's resignation as Vice President – Attachment B, by Deb Hamilton, seconded by Leslie Pierce. **Motion Carried**
- e. Committees
 - i. Two committees will be created
 - 1. Newsletter & Communications Committee Members will be
 - a. Leslie Pierce – Chair
 - b. Cheryl Vandersteen – Member
 - c. Brett Koespel – Member
 - 2. Social Committee
 - a. Judy Hermsen - Chair

12. Comments/Concerns

- a. Kyle Skags would be willing to deliver newsletters to his area in the Neighborhood
- b. Will be contacting Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and local Youth Groups regarding delivery of Newsletters.
- c. Can the Press Gazette include the newsletter only to our neighborhood in the free paper that is delivered?
- d. Create sign in sheets for meetings/events and see if Neighbors are willing to receive the Newsletter via email. – Leslie Pierce
- e. How long has the Association been in the Neighborhood? 2008
- f. The city should better promote the Associations
- g. Businesses outside of the immediate Neighborhood can be contacted for advertising
 - i. Suggested Business to place Newsletters / contact for advertising were
 - 1. Russ's Barber Shop
- h. A discussion was held on how neighbors can help the Association

13. Open Forum

- a. Rummage Sale question: What if it rains? The sale will be held on September 19, 2015 rain or shine.
- b. One Neighborhood member stated that there was an incidence where the police were summoned but because of the calls all going through Brown County the response time was not as expected and required 2 calls to get the police to respond. - Bernie had no answer to the question.

14. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next Meeting **October 19, 2015 at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lobby, Annual Meeting**

FYI: Board meets the 3rd Monday of Even numbered months, February, April, June, August, October, and December

Action Items		
Item	Person	Due Date
Contact Bethel on Bond to include Meetings in Newsletter & Bulletin	Leslie Pierce	
Brat Barn Meeting Sept. 9 th at 6:30 @ St.Paul's	Deb Hamilton	9/9/15
Nesco Roaster from COTB	Leslie Pierce	9/9/15
Annual Meeting Neighborhood Notification to Neighborhood	Leslie Pierce / Cheryl Vandersteen	10/1/15
Volleyball Court Mather Heights Park (email to Mark S.)	Leslie Pierce	
2015 Grant	Leslie Pierce	9/1/15
Contact Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/Youth Groups regarding delivering Newsletters		

From: Brett Knoespel <bknoespel@yahoo.com>
To: Leslie Pierce <lpierce819@aol.com>; dahdeb@gmail.com <dahdeb@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: President/Treasurer
Date: Sun, Aug 16, 2015 6:52 am

Leslie and Debbie,

I think this is the most beneficial to our association at this time to switch. With me being unavailable more than I'd like it would be best to have someone with a more open schedule in the presidential role. I would be open to doing it prior to the annual meeting but thought of the below point :

A question I have though is if I'm to resign, wouldn't the vice-president assume the role in the interim? Perhaps we should include Becky in this and ask if she would object.

Or, I stay as president until the annual meeting with others leading the meetings until then as needed and at that time we vote for the new roles.

Does this make sense? Let me know your thoughts.

Brett

From: bekygross <beckygross@yahoo.com>
To: Leslie R Pierce <lpierce819@aol.com>
Cc: dahdeb <dahdeb@gmail.com>; bknoespel <bknoespel@yahoo.com>; Cheryl.Vandersteen <Cheryl.Vandersteen@sbcglobal.net>; judithhermsen <judithhermsen@gmail.com>; mjsteuer <mjsteuer@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Re: Newsletter
Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2015 7:08 pm

I did NOT say that at all. I was using examples of costs of pizza around the area from 2 different places. Also, you are the one who put Bob and Mary's email addresses on the original emails.

Be that as it may, I obviously am not going to be listened to in my thought that \$50 is a very expensive pizza and wine for 3 people (my daughter and I had lobster and crab at Red Lobster for less than that - no wine, just soda - this last weekend at Red Lobster).

I was going to wait out my term as vice-president of the Mather Heights Neighborhood Association, but have now decided that EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I am resigning from my position and also from the board of MHNA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Kupsy Gross

Leadership Council Meeting Report

1. A number of the associations had more than 1 person attending the meeting
2. Oshkosh community members were at the meeting and touring the neighborhoods in Green Bay to begin their own Neighborhood associations
3. Mayor Schmitt gave a short report, welcoming the Oshkosh visitors and the new chief and stated that violent crimes are down 23%. He also reminded those in attendance to remember to vote in the local elections as they are very important and where a majority of the “work” of government is done.
4. Connection from Many Directions overview by Robyn Hallet, Volunteer and asking for people to sign up for interviews. They have a facebook page and provided a handout
5. Presentation by Dan Theno OGNA President on the structure and function of state vs local government. Dan also emphasized the importance of local elections. Dan also shared a magnet of important numbers that they created and are giving out to those in their neighborhood and is willing to assist other in creating a magnet with those numbers for each neighborhood
6. CCHD Grant by Eric Weydt (white) a Catholic Community and Economic grant one of the criteria is that the neighborhood should be at 50% low income Mather Heights is only 23%. The Council showed a slide with all percentages for each neighborhood. We would have to partner with someone who is at the 50% level in order to apply for the grant, which can be up to \$25,000. A handout was provided by Eric
7. City Staff update
 - a. A new NHA guide was provided, additional copies can be downloaded from GBNLC.org
 - b. A reminder to send out thank you’s to those officials who attend events was encouraged. Also take pics, videos and upload them and send them to the office
 - c. Activity equipment, there are issues with equipment being returned in less than good condition, i.e. missing items, dirty, broken and not reported, etc.
8. Some neighborhoods are doing their annual meeting in conjunction with an event, some 1 or 2 weeks after an event.
9. Meeting suggestions were to have a speaker, i.e. Noel from office does speaking engagements at meetings on a lot of different topics
10. Other events being held by Associations:
 - a. Picnics (Not NNO) with:
 - i. Silent Auction Fundraiser
 - ii. Movies
 - iii. Veteran Appreciation
 - b. Block Parties
 - c. Hand Out School Supplies
 - d. Music in Park
 - e. Corn Roast
 - f. Bike Registrations
 - g. Pot Lucks
 - i. Association supplies Hamburgers/brats