

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association, Inc.
August 12, 2013

Meeting place: Room 301 MAC Hall, University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

Present were: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Stacy White, Sue Ley, Carol Jones, Ron Antonneau, Kathy and Larry Desch, Jill and Reed Hardy, Bob Tripp, Diane Auger and two advisory members, Sr. Sharon Lasee and Sr. Charlene Hockers, who reside at the Sisters of St. Francis residence on Nicolet Drive. Excused were: Sharon and Pete Doherty. Quorum established.

Call to order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of agenda: Motion to approve agenda passed.

Approval of minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve the minutes passed.

Treasurer's report: Checking current balance = \$637.90. Savings current balance = \$4045.59. See archived report for details.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Reed, seconded by Bob, approved.

GBNLC Report by Dick. GB Police are seeking to register all bikes in the city. It is hoped that this will reduce bike thefts. The City's landlord training seminar was so popular that another session will be scheduled. See archived report for more details.

New schedule of volunteers to attend upcoming NLC meetings: Carol and Diane will attend September 5th, Stacy and Sue will take October, and Jill and Reed will take November. We need volunteers for December.

Old Business

Stacy reported on the bird feeders proposal. She spoke at length with a DNR representative who cited the history of old laws that allow hunting on any body of water. Feeders that attract game birds may not be used near public areas where hunting is occurring. One thing we may be able to do to address the nuisance factor is to try to get the city to change the time of day when hunting starts to 9:00 AM. Stacy will look into getting this done.

Rules regarding duck hunting: Hunters are only allowed to shoot from a position IN THE WATER. If a hunter is on the beach we may call the city police or the DNR. Some board members suggested that we could take pictures or video of violations but we are not sure who would look at them, nor are we sure what action could be taken based on them.

Report on National night out: Bob reported that he was pleased with the turnout of NDNA members. It cost us \$100 to participate. Cheryl reported that a total of 18 people signed our sheet. We don't know how that compares with other neighborhoods. Bob reported that a tally of

all who attended could be estimated based on sign-ins and bike registrations that were done.

Since Bob will be stepping down from his NDNA Board position, we need to find a volunteer to replace him on the NNO board. Planning for the event starts in February with one meeting per month until the event in August. We are not sure if the volunteer must be a member of the board, or possibly simply a member of the association.

GB Scholarship issues: Larry suggests that we give the scholarship to a neighborhood resident. The scholarship we have been giving to UWGB yields no recognition for us in the local area. Larry suggests that we focus on neighbors going to UWGB. Dick says we may be able to use the NDNA Inc. 501c3 to bring in contributions for a scholarship fund that could eventually turn into an endowed fund. The question of selection criteria was raised by Reed. Larry will check with the University to see if we could simply have an article in our newsletter soliciting locals to submit applications to the UWGB scholarship committee. The committee could then process the applications. Reed will work with Larry to establish selection criteria.

Nominating Committee: Bob has advised us that he will not seek reelection to the board. He has been with the NDNA since 3 months before its inception on April 1, 2004. We will need a replacement for Bob and another to fill a vacancy. Larry is handling nominations. Several candidates were suggested. Members of the board are encouraged to talk with any potential nominees to see if there is an interest there and bring their name(s) to Larry.

Fall meeting at VA Center? We have not yet received confirmation of the plan to hold the meeting at the VA Center. We therefore need to create an alternate plan just in case we are unable to hold the meeting there. There was a discussion of the annual meeting at the recent NLC meeting. They suggested that we have food, drink and a speaker or other form of entertainment and make the elections a secondary activity. People will come for fun and put up with the work that needs to get done. The City will subsidize our meal if needed.

We set a tentative date of September 25th for the meeting with alternate dates of October 2 or 3. The event will begin with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Carol volunteered to take care of setting this up. She will do so within the week and send an email out with details. Dick suggested that the September meeting be shortened and only deal with preparations for the annual meeting. Our speaker might be a person who can discuss the VA center.

Newsletter: Thanks to Cheryl's good verification work we only had 4 newsletters returned due to bad addresses. We will have another newsletter out by the end of October. If we are going to have a Christmas-Decorations Award we need an article for that newsletter. Reed volunteered to work on that article. If anyone has any issues they want to publish in the newsletter, get their ideas to Larry.

Web site: Larry will put board member's email addresses on the site.

New Business

Stacy raised an objection to the use of the phrase "Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association" in

the Friends of Joliet Park petition that is being circulated. The clarification was well taken by representatives of the Friends of Joliet Park who were present. They suggested that the current version of the petition does not name the NDNA but that an earlier draft may have.

On the topic of neighborhood beautification, Ron says we need to make our entrance ways to the City look a little nicer. This is especially an issue with the VA Clinic median. The grass and landscaping are not being properly maintained.

New mission. Have a quality annual meeting. Following the close of the annual meeting will elect the officers of the Board as stated in our bylaws.

Fund raising: We did not need to do any fund raising this year other than the solicitation of advertizing in our newsletter the income from which was more than sufficient to meet the City requirement. The City may subsidize the meal and other expenses for the annual meeting so that we can decrease the price for members and guests.

Do we want to do a winter event or a holiday event? No, there are too many family-centered activities during the holiday season.

Reed raised a concern about the election of officers at the annual meeting. It is possible that one or more officers may not wish to serve again next year. It is also possible that an officer's position could be contested if another person is nominated for the position. Dick suggest that if any officer plans to step down, please let him know before the September meeting so that nominations can be considered.

Motion: Stacy moved that we raffle off some of the Town of Scott books. Motion approved without a vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron, seconded by Sue and passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 8:15 PM.

These minutes respectfully submitted,

Reed Hardy, NDNA Board Secretary

August 15, 2013.