

Minutes
NDNA Board Meeting
March 11, 2013

Present were: Cheryl and Dick Pigeon, Stacy White, Sue Ley, Kathy and Larry Desch, Sharon and Pete Doherty, and Jill and Reed Hardy. Bob Tripp was excused. Quorum of 8 established.

Approval of Agenda moved by Dick and seconded by Sharon and passed by voice vote.

Approval of minutes as distributed was moved by Reed and seconded by Jill, and passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Based on UWCU statement dated 2/28/13. Our checking balance = \$1,159.00, savings = \$3007.63 and 12 Month CD = \$1036.97. CD Matures 3/13/13. We have no outstanding checks. The Treasurer requested and received the Annual Report Form 17 from the WI Dept. of Financial Institutions which is due March 31,2013, for the first quarter along with a filing fee of 10.00. After a brief discussion it was decided to leave the cash from the CD in our savings account given that interest rates on CDs are so low.

Approval of this report moved by Larry, seconded by Sue, and passed by voice vote.

Recognition of Former Members of the Board: The President proposed that, given their non-participation in the past six meetings of the Board, a letter recognizing the fact that, in keeping with our bylaws which allow no more than three un-excused absences from meetings of the board, Tom and Linda Neuser are no longer members of the board and acknowledging and expressing our gratitude for their long service to the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association.

Approval of the proposal was moved by Reed and seconded by Sue, and passed by voice vote.

Nominations for the Board: Sue has spoken with several potential new board members but all declined to serve. Dick talked with several nominees and one, Ron Antino, agreed. Larry has also talked with several people and two have agreed to serve: Diane Auger and Carol Jones. Jill has been unable to get a hold of either Marcia Gruenhagen or Pat Johansen, but she will keep trying. Larry moved to accept the new members, Kathy seconded. Approved by acclamation.

Our new members, Ron Antonneau, Diane Auger and Carol Jones, will be invited to join us for our April meeting. Their appointments will last until the next Annual Meeting of the Association.

GBNLC Meeting Report: Reed and Jill passed around a written summary (attached) and gave a brief oral report of last Thursday's (03/07/2013) GBNLC meeting. The main speaker was our new GB Superintendent of Schools who cautioned all of us to pay close attention to the financial impacts that the Federal "sequester" and proposed "voucher" program changes will have on Green Bay's excellent public education system. The Mayor spoke briefly but energetically encouraging all to attend his State of the City presentation on the 20th of March,.

Neighborhood-Watch Program Report: Dick reported on the Neighborhood Watch program he attended. The meeting focused on “Gangs.” The discussion moved from the definition of a gang and membership therein to estimates of the number of gang members in and around the City. Drug trafficking and related activity are the main focus of these gangs. Residents of all neighborhoods are asked to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Dick suggested that if a small group of neighbors wishes to create their own neighborhood watch program the City has a “facilitator” that will help with that process.

Mini-Grants Discussion: We need to field our proposals by April 1. Stacy suggests we create an application for each of the several ideas we have discussed either in our meetings or via our email list. The more applications we submit the more likely one of them will be funded. Dick suggested that we circulate any plans for input from the entire board before they get submitted. We can approve the projects in principle tonight, then develop the proposals for submission between now and April 1.

Proposed Mini-grant projects:

- 1) Motion-sensor camera to document illegal activity in Joliet Park. Need cameras and signs.
- 2) Place feeders along the Bay shore to attract birds. If we do that, hunting will not be allowed due to the “baiting” rule. We will need signs to help discourage hunting. Stacy
- 3) National night out. Dick.
- 4) Music in the Park night joint with Red Smith. Stacy
- 5) The creation of a Joliet Park development and maintenance plan. Larry.
- 6) The creation of a marketing/development plan for our two dormant restaurants, the Carlton and the Eagle’s Nest. Reed

IT Issues: Larry reported that he has explored the question of web-page management with some of his resources. Reed plans to attend the City’s mini course in June. Stacy volunteered to create a basic web page and generic email address for us. Stacy’s proposal was approved though no formal motion was made.

Old Business: Spring Meeting—Captain Bill Gavin will be our guest speaker. Dick reported on information he gathered regarding meals for the outing. We approved a “burger bar” meal @ 8.95/person. We will charge \$11/person.

Stacy suggested that we have a raffle \$1/ticket and ask local businesses to donate items or gift certificates for the raffle. The way the raffle works is to place a container for tickets next to each item, then draw a winner from each container one-at-a-time during the evening.

Dick will start working on the newsletter with a planned end of April publication deadline.

Sue announced that she is on the City Historic Preservation Commission: They need nominations from the public for possible award sites. Reed suggested the Carlton Inn which has been an iconic on-the-Bay restaurant for many decades. Sue went on to point out that the award is simply a form of recognition and does not designate the site for preservation. We were all encouraged to submit any ideas directly to her.

The motion to adjourn was made by Reed and seconded by Kathy. Passed by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16 PM.