Minutes

GENA Board Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2022 (4 pm)

Welcome (Kay Lee)

August 29, 2021 Minutes (Kay Lee/Lauren Asbury)

* Approved via email. Posted on GENA website.
* Board agrees minutes of this meeting be approved via email and posted to website.

Financial Report (Nick Cortese)

* In the period between the last board meeting and today, GENA incurred expenses of $843, and took in dues and dontations totallying $1,109. Current bank balance is $4,592.56.
* In 2021 137 households participated in dues, compared to 103 in 2020, and 85 in 2019.
* The $843 of expenses are comprised of $200 for neighborhood entrance security lighting, $30 for corporation renewal, and $613 for Halloween party expenses.

Listserv Report (Paul Cushing)

* Currently 324 members on listserv and listserv is at approximately 78% capacity.
* The Board agrees to update the Listserv Policy to include a prohibition on advocating for a political candidate and to revise the policy to be in a bullet point list. Paul Cushing will draft and present to the Board for approval via email.
* Discussion of Assistant Listserv Moderator

Welcome Committee Report (Polly Nodine/Erin Braden)

* Email note from Polly Nodine “I can let you know all is going well. I have replenished the bags through the Decatur Visitors Center so I have made that contact. Committee is usually very responsive when a new neighbor is spotted or brought to their attention.
* Discussion of formalizing the tracking of this committee and collecting directory information with welcome visits and listserv additions.

Old Matters: (Kay Lee)

* October
  + GENA Work Days in Glenn Creek Nature Preserve
  + Zoom Class w/ Principal Librarian at Decatur Branch of DeKalb County Library System
  + Halloween Party
* December:
  + GENA Work Day in Glenn Creek Nature Preserve
  + Neighborhood Collection for Sanitation Workers (Thank you to Ginny Lester)
  + Neighborhood Participation in Annual Decatur Holiday Giving (Thank you to Mindy Simon)
* January (2022): No MLK Project this year. City considering scheduling for another day this year. TBD.
* Other Matters (None)

New Matters

* Spring Block Party
  + May 14th identified with rain date of Sunday, May 15th.
  + Discussion of safe activities for children and food options, ideas welcome. Due diligence be performed on ideas including bouncy slide, Bubble Man, Food possibilities of Moes, food truck, ice cream ladu.
* Graduation List sent on listserv *President will solicite information for announcement*
* GENA Directory: Up-to-date version available on listserv webpage *Planning on publishing updated printed directories in September*
* Possible Birding Outing in the Preserve. Pending
* Property at the corner of E. Ponce and Commerce
* Signage in the Triangle. Only signs complying with city ordinance are appropriate.
* Kay’s term ending, ID new president January 2023.
* Other ideas to build/support our community. Each of the below needs a neighbor to take the lead and coordinator.
  + Website: Encourage stories of people who have lived in neighborhood
  + Glenn Creek Nature Preserve possible work days proposed by Neil Norton who advises “I am ready and willing to have Nature Preserve volunteering Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 26, March 5, March 12. If just a few people help!”
  + Fizzy Atlanta beverage truck – Idea was presented to have a social hour with Fizzy beverages and potentially other food trucks and events. ($750 minimum for Fizzy) This idea will be removed from future agendas bc of cost.
  + Food Sharing Event in Driveways: For example: Gumbo/Chili Event. Kurt Dupuis hopes to have a jambalaya event. Board agreed to provide financial support for this effort.
  + Outside neighborhood social hour: Even/Odd street number/neighborhood.
  + Micro yard concerts (challenge is limited outside space)
  + Possible Zoom or in person Presentation by Decatur Police on crime in the area and prevetion advice and/or a lawyer who represents teens who make mistake (e.g. J Tom Morgan). Board member will look into this possibility.
  + Possible Zoom or in person meeting with a city commissioner about matters effecting our neighborhood. Board member will look into this possibility.
  + Playground meet and greet held two weeks ago. Board discussed financiall supporting a few more of these events.
* Any other ideas? (None)

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