GENA Board Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday February, 28, 2023 (7:30 pm)

**Welcome**

*Board members in attendance: Kay Lee, Kurt Dupuis, Nick Cortese, Renita Trott, Polly Nodine, Paul Cushing, Lauren Sangaline-Asbury. Non-board member neighbors in attendance:*

 *Bert Bender*

*Debbie Cushing*

*Tamara and Lewis Jones*

*Wes Bryan*

*Paul Wrights*

*Vida Dedinas*

*Julia Smith*

*Neil Norton*

**August 9, 2022 Minutes**

* Approved via email. Posted on GENA website.

**Financial Report (Nick Cortese)**

* *Current balance $3,864. Expenses since last meeting of $1,585 consisting of Directory printing of $918, Pizza for party of $516, Electricity for security light of $100, GA Corporate Annual Registration $30, GO Daddy Domain name renewal of $21. Discussion about reaching out to Tom Atckinson about getting reimbursed for the cost of the beer and wine he supplied to the Halloween Party. Nick agreed to reach out to him.*
* *Kay will send out an email opening collection of dues for 2023.*
* *Paul motions for a 2023 budget for the Spring Block Party and Halloween Party of $3,000, Nick seconds, approved with no objections.*
* *Paul motions to raise dues to $15 per individual with a per household cap of $25, Kay seconds, approved with no objections.*

**Listserv Report (Paul Cushing)**

* *There are currently 343 members of the listserv. Paul continues to track when new people join to keep the listserv limited to current residents.*
* *Discussion of listserv prohibition policy against advocating political positions that reads as follows: “****The following posts are not permitted on the listserv: … Posts advocating political positions or otherwise expressing political opinions (posting of announcements of political events is acceptable so long as there is no additional commentary)****”. Residents suggested a limit of political (government policy related) posts to information about meetings and invitations to discuss in person without advocacy. Paul will draft updated language for the board to consider.*

**Welcome Committee Report (Polly Nodine)**

* *Contacted 9 new families in 2022. Welcome committee wants to host once or twice a year small new neighbor get togethers***.**

**Old Matters:**

* October 2022 – Halloween Block Party
* November 2022 – Distribution of GENA Directories
* December 2022 –
	+ Christmas in Decatur Annual Holiday Giving Neighborhood Collection (Thank you Mindy Simon for coordinating)
	+ Sanitation Workers Cash Gifts (Thank you Ginny Lester for coordinating)
* January 2023
	+ MLK Day Decatur Weekend of Service Event – Sandwich making (Thank you Erin Braden for coordinating)
* Other?
	+ Have any informal gatherings been subsidized (See August 9th Minutes)?
	+ *None have occurred since the last meeting*

**New Matters:**

* GENA Directory Use. Board agrees that Kay will send an email to the Listserv to remind that the directory is not for commercial use.
* March: Neighbors coordinating a Kindness Project in the Triangle on March 11th. *Donations are accepted, reach out to Anya Robertson or Merry Pope.*
* April: Glenn Creek Nature Preserve Earth Day Party (Neil Norton)
	+ *20th anniversary of Glenn Creek Nature Preserve. Lots of volunteer time to maintain the preserve. Planning an Earth Day party April 22nd 3-7 on Fairview Street, will be posted on listserv. Party Committee is raising funds on GoFundMe page.*
	+ *Motion by Kay to donate $200 to the Glenn Creek Nature Preserve, Lauren seconds. All in favor, no objections.*
* May: Spring Block Party (Kurt Dupuis),
	+ *Board set May 20th as date for the Spring Block party, rain date of May 21.*
* June: Graduation List
	+ *Debbie Cushing volunteered to compile 2023 graduation list.*
* Other Matters

**Adjourn**