**Minutes**

**GENA Board Meeting**

**February 27, 2024**

**Attendees: Nick Cortese, Kurt Dupuis. Bert Bender, Regina Trotti, Lauren Sangaline-Asbury, Kay Lee, Polly Nodine, Paul Cushing, Debbie Cushing, Vida Dedinas and Noni Bourne.**

**Call to Order (Kurt Dupuis)**

**September 5, 2023  Minutes (Kurt DuPuis)** Approved via email. Posted on GENA website.

**Financial Report (Nick Cortese)**

* Balance last meeting was $5,063, current balance is $3,864
* Expenses of $1,699 were incurred as follows:
  + Refreshments for G3 gathering $101
  + Halloween Party food $337
  + Halloween Party beverages $205
  + Web Bluehost $360
  + Glendale Historic Condo Lighting $100
  + GA Non-profit Corporation renewal $30
  + Flag for Triangle $44
  + GoDaddy fees $23
* An additional reduction in cash for $500 due to a refund given for errant dues paid
* Dues of $2,665.54 were collected with 99 households participating in 2023
* In 2024 $15 of dues have been collected

**Listserv Report (Paul Cushing)**

* The listserv currently has 365 members; and
* We currently have sufficient storage space. To manage storage utilization, Paul periodically removes attachments (typically large format pictures) from older messages.

**Welcome Committee Report (Polly Nodine)**

* 4 new families welcomed in the last few months
* Looking for new Welcome Committee members, especially in the north end of the neighborhood. Anyone who sees new neighbors moving in please email Polly to let her know.
* New forms available to sign up for directory with QR code to pay dues.

**Old Matters:**

* October: Halloween Block Party
  + Next year will introduce RSVP to ensure sufficient food
  + Shorten length of party so clean-up can be easily done.
* November: Informal Gathering (G3 work day)
  + Educational session and work day with coffee and treats
* December 2023 activities:
  + Christmas in Decatur Annual Holiday Giving Neighborhood Collection (Thank you again to Mindy Simon)
  + Sanitation Workers Cash Gifts (Thank you again to Ginny Lester)

**New Matters:**

* Informal Gathering Possibilities
  + Popsicles in the Park Right before school starts
  + Something in March/April
* Flagpole, flag maintenance
  + Paul motions to buy new solar light for flag (~$60), Kurt seconds, all approve
  + Flag Retirement Ceremony March 24, at 2 pm
* Spring Block Party May 11th approximately 4-7 pm
  + Possible art project
  + Possible ice cream vendor
  + Signup for estimating who will attend, help with clean-up and set-up, music, contribute sides, contribute to art project
* June Graduation List (Debbie Cushing to coordinate)
* G3 may do another event
* New Webmaster volunteered – Thank you Sam Dengler
* Discussion of having new directories printed (last printing October 2022)
  + Directory is kept up to date on groups.io website
  + Board deferred printing an updated copy at this time but possibly every 5 years
  + Investigate if there is a way for an individual to print the directory from the io website for a small fee
* Kay nominates Noni Bourne Assistant Listserv moderator, Nick seconds, all approve
* Succession planning discussion
  + Work on description of positions
* Other matters
  + Discussion about the house that burned on Forkner and empty houses in the neighborhood.

Adjourn