

September 25, 2024

Members present: Matt Seib, Erin McGrath, Joan Martin, Liz Freitick, Art Pratt, Stan Fuka, Susan Alban

7:00 Welcome

7:07 Approve August Minutes: Susan moves to approve, Liz seconds, all approve

7:06 Updates from committees

- Jeff Bauer is resigning from SHNA because he's moving out of the neighborhood. We need a new Area 4 director.
- Halloween Parade and Party on Sunday, October 27, 2pm-4pm.
 - We'll need about 8 volunteers.
 - Liz will volunteer.
 - Erin will contact people listed in SHNA newsletter who are listed as helpers.
 - Joan will make reusable signs to post, like for Labor Day and 4th of July. Budget of \$200-\$300.
 - Let's put up a table at the Halloween party with information about SHNA.
 - Email PDF to SHNA board. People will take fliers to bus stops.
 - Giovanna has vests and Matt has cones for parade. Erin will ask for volunteers for parade route monitors.

7:24 Bylaws update

- The committee has met twice. Jessica Harrison, a nonprofit lawyer in the neighborhood, is helping us draft updated bylaws.
 - Biggest change is to the purpose of the SHNA.
 - Next bylaws committee meeting: thresholds for quorum and for ad-hoc committees
 - Next meeting is on Sunday, September 29. Joan will check with Dale Heights if church is available.

7:28 Fall meeting update and planning

- Thursday, October 24, at Dale Heights Church at 6pm. Set up at 5:30pm.
- Susan's husband has a projector we can use for free. Joan will be in touch to set up a test run of the equipment. Thanks Jim!
- Matt will arrange a speaker and microphone.
- Joan will get two pans of lasagna from Metcalfe's, one meat and one veggie.
- Joan and Liz will bring plastic plates, cups, and silverware and wash it afterward. They will also bring napkins.
- We'll ask people to bring salad or dessert.
- Matt will be the keynote speaker.

7:41 Newsletter update and planning

- Matt will figure out doorhanger design and printing.
- How to distribute to Jeff's area? We'll work together to distribute.
- Goal: Distribution complete by October 10 or 11.
- Liz is waiting to hear from the Alder and from County Board rep. Hoping for an article from Faith about rain gardens. Liz will include information about raking leaves out of street, limiting salt, and how to request large item pickup.

7:48 Budget discussion. Proposal to increase dues amount

- The big discussion will be after the October All Neighbor meeting.
- We need more clarity and alignment on why we collect dues and what they are for.
 - Website, newsletter
 - Halloween, 4th of July, Labor Day
 - Communicate this clearly to help demonstrate value in becoming a member of SHNA
 - SHNA is supposed to maintain and manage rain gardens on LMD.
- Typically dues are for each calendar year. At the October meeting, we can collect dues for 2025.
 - To speak at a meeting, your dues have to be paid.

7:53 Emergency response discussion

- Rick wanted to discuss this. Since he isn't here, we'll table this discussion.
- Some SHNA leaders should have some training for how to deal with an emergency at an SHNA sponsored event.

7:54 West area plan concerns

- Some neighbors in Indian Hills are concerned that most streets in their area are slated for curb and gutter installation. Let's have a constructive discussion with the Alder about what the West Area Plan re: streets in Indian Hills actually would look like. SHNA can facilitate this learning.
- The SHNA can facilitate gathering information and educating the neighbors.

8:03 Wrap up/set next meeting time: Thursday, October 24, at 6pm at All Neighbor Meeting. Subsequent meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 7pm on Zoom. No meeting in December.

8:06 Adjourn