

WHNA Board Meeting Minutes – Sunday, March 14th

Present – David Lange, Allen Sydnes, Karen Eshilman, Trevor Huffaker, Sylvia Owens

April Meeting is scheduled for Sunday evening, April 11th, at Windsor Lutheran Church. This is our Annual Meeting and thus we'll begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00 followed by the meeting at approximately 6:30. Announcement will be included in the water bill and via e-mail to our membership list. The board will provide entrée items of fried chicken and lasagna from HyVee. Colleen Lange, as Social Committee chair, will take care of beverages. She will also take care of preparing ballots and providing ink pens. We'll find a volunteer to tabulate ballots from the membership.

Agenda

Treasurer's Report

Auditor's Report

Nominating Chair

Ask for nomination from floor

Ballots

List all candidates, by position, on easel at front of room

City Activities report

President's Annual Report

George Hanusa to address the group re History of WH? (David to inquire)

Introduction of new board

The board agreed to make an offering to the church as thanks for allowing us to use their facility. David will deliver the President's message. Election of board members will take place (President, Secretary, and all three at-large positions). David researched the Association's by-laws and confirmed that the term limits provision precludes Trevor from holding office in any capacity for a period of two years. However, he can serve as a committee chair. He is interested in serving as Community Services chair, but will contact two individuals who have shown previous interest to see if they are still interested..

Since only paid members have voting privileges we'll have Tim Hauber welcome members and accept their dues payment and/or give them a ballot. Those who choose not to pay dues will be welcome but unable to participate in the election (according to by-laws). Tim will need to have the updated membership list with him.

We agreed the ballot would consist of a single sheet of pre-printed paper listing the various open positions. We will write the candidates names on an easel at the front of the room and people will vote by writing a candidate's name next to the appropriate office listed on the ballot.

Nomination chair – David has contacted one person about serving as chair but that person declined. The board discussed other possible people to serve as chair. He will contact those people.

Audit chair – Allen will contact his neighbor about serving as audit chair. If he agrees to serve as auditor but can't attend the meeting the board agreed it would be acceptable to have his signed, written statement read to the membership.

Sylvia asked about the status of dedication of a tree at Colby Park (or elsewhere) to honor our police and fire departments. Allen indicated there has been no progress on this.

Sylvia reported that the shelter is due to open in July and thinks the WHNA should be involved in special events. Everyone agrees. David reminded the board that because we do not collect enough revenue to fall under IRS 501.c3 requirements, and because the registration fee for such status is \$400, that we have elected not to file. This means that technically, the Association may not qualify for a rental fee waiver for use of the Community Center, but the city administrator has the authority to decide whether to enforce the fee. If necessary, we will continue to use the 3E building or other locations, as long as we are welcome. All agreed.

Trevor volunteered to contact Barb Niccum of the WH Chamber of Commerce to follow up on the idea of establishing a Welcome Wagon. What kind of promotions, flyers, coupons, and similar items of value to a new resident can they offer?

Next meeting Monday evening, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lange home.