

SONA Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2016
Minutes

Attendees: Sue Bednarz, Janet Bonet, Duane Brooks, Garry Gernandt, Mary Ann Krzemien, Michael McGuire, Chris Miller, Madeline Moyer, Tim Potter, Julie Smith, Kimara Snipe, Jeff Spiels

Guests: Callyann Casteel, Chris Stratman, Kristin & Anthony Albers, Officer Brian Schmaderer, Officer Jon Robish

Meeting called to order.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of May 2016 minutes. MOTION TO APPROVE (Tim Potter, 2nd Sue Bednarz). Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Tim Potter is reporting in place of Tim Leininger.
- January-July Statement: \$20,187.40; Expenses: \$19,852.38; Difference: \$335.02
- Total in the account: \$38,900.09
- MOTION TO ACCEPT Treasurer's Report (Duane Brooks, 2nd Kimara Snipe)

Police Report (SE Precinct)

- Motor vehicle thefts in zoo parking lot: two reports confirmed around 2:00 pm, but nothing going on in the surrounding neighborhoods. There are no cameras in the parking lots where vehicles being stolen. Overtime assignments are being done, but be sure to put your valuables away and lock things in the trunk.
- National Night Out - heard it was great and didn't have any complaints reported

Elected Officials' Reports

- Councilman Garry.Gernandt
 - Mike Boyle sends regrets as he is ill.
 - City council now has budget; comfortable w/the Mayors budget
 - Survey: Would your neighbors favor keeping 2% property tax or reducing it by 1.5 which would go into street resurfacing? Anyone can contact Garry after the meeting. He is in the phone book

One Omaha - Julie Smith

- In the Neighborhoods Conference to be held October 1, 2016. Event will be FREE this year because a funder sponsored it this year. Please encourage neighbors to come. Programming to be more interactive (Information Exchange/South Omaha City Council Visioning). Mini grants will be available at the end of the day. Norita Matt will send information.
- Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) - Meet The Neighbors Blurb, Neighbor Works; Call Julie if you are interested. This could be used for Spring Clean Up. Julie will train and there is a possibility for grants.
- Leadership Development Program available but is not designed for established leaders
- Neighborhood Mentoring Committee is being created
- Omaha Neighborhood Report – A survey was recently completed: 81 associations; 30,000 hours of volunteer work done; over half a million dollars of value. Out of 10 that filled out the survey over 5000 hours (estimate)
- Facilitation Training available from Jeff and Julie on how to run a meeting (only 30 minutes). For more information, please check One Omaha email.

Old Business

1. SONA Banquet – June 2, 2016: 150 people in attendance
 - Gross revenue: \$9,075.00; Expenses: Kroc \$4,300, Misc. \$264.00, EventBrite fees \$118.20; Net revenue: \$4382.67.
 - Motion to let Duane always be involved, but get someone else to lead the event for next year.
2. NUSA Conference Recap
 - To be held in Omaha, May 24-27, 2017. There was a kickoff meeting to gain insight and ideas, but want additional feedback from those who went to NUSA who were not at the kickoff meeting. SONA should obtain a copy of the minutes.
 - Need additional people to attend next year's conference and utilize feedback from members meeting to start regional movement
 - Committees are being created for: programming/break-out sessions, exhibitors, volunteers, and neighborhood pride tours. Jeff will get more website information that lists event and contact information.

New Business

1. 13th & Missouri Beautification Project (Janet Bonet) - currently redoing intersection utilizing Mayor's Grant. The goal is to get input from neighbors, and Janet will email the survey out.
2. National Night Out – Events were well organized and well attended

Neighborhood News & Partner Updates

- Spring Lake Park Team will be hosting their 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on August 20, 2016. Money raised will go towards the pond. We want people to utilize the course. Cost: \$40.00 for 9 holes or \$75.00 for 18 holes. All included (green fees, etc.). We are also accepting volunteers.
- Keep Omaha Beautiful Chris Stratman - City of Omaha Environmental Quality Control Division received grant for tire collection on August 27, 2016 at South High from 9am-3pm. Flyers are available for distribution. It is completely free. No rims - residential only. Help can be sought out from diversion programs, schools, or juvenile probation.
- Boys Town is hiring. Please check out Careerlink and Careerbuilder to see the posting.
- Kroc Center - Backpack distribution starts tomorrow. There is no cost/need proof child is in school
- SOBA meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2016 at Maria Bonita from 12-1pm.
- Deer Park is doing a Spanish language outreach program
- Sue Bednarz - Neighborhood garden started at 37th and K Street
- Friends of South 10th Street was created to shepherd development utilizing community events, etc.

Meeting adjourned.