

ENA Board Meeting

March 2, 2016 @ 7-9 p.m.
East District Police Station
809 South Thompson Drive

Present: Justin Martin, Audra Johnson, Isaac Semrow, Charles Donaldson, Marilee Cronin, Stacy Wellford, Jamie Meise, Abby Abernathy, neighbor Jill

Absent: Katherine DuVernois

Call to order: Justin called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

“Word On the Streets” Isaac announced that he will be resigning his position on the board effective after the annual meeting but he will continue to help out with the membership drive. Faye also has resigned from the board effective right away. Justin will take over her district for the membership drive. We now have 3 openings on the board.

Secretary’s report: Isaac and Abby are reminded to promote the Easter Egg Hunt and Earth Day Cleanup on Facebook and the ENA website.

Treasurer’s report: We received an ad from the Holy Lutheran Cross for 3 issues. Stacy will email Abby with documents for the financial audit.

Echo report: The board will continue doing business with Thyse Printing for our Echo publication. Justin is still working on filing our nonprofit status with the post office for a reduced postage rate. Mike and Katherine are working through the transition process for the advertising responsibilities. Audra clarified the desired length for the Echo newsletter and Justin explained that it needs to be printed in multiples of 4 so usually we will print 8 pages but can authorize up to 12 pages if needed.

Old business

50th Anniversary Project: Marilee is working with Steve to put together a 2-3 minute video to show at the annual meeting to introduce the project and explain how residents can participate. Marilee has contacted a long term resident for an initial interview. Marilee is looking for volunteers to serve on the anniversary committee and will begin working on the writing the grant and looking for fundraising opportunities. Audra will put together a 50th Anniversary Logo. Justin will put together a paypal link for donations to put on the website.

Easter Egg Hunt (March 26, Droster Park, 9:30 a.m.) Stacy’s husband Jason volunteered to be the Easter Bunny, Marilee has a convertible we can use for the bunny’s arrival. Volunteers will meet at the park at 9am to setup. We will have two areas for littles and older kids. There will be special eggs to be traded in for a prize- Isaac will check in to getting gelato or ice cream coupons. Jamie will check with the East buckeye resident who has connections with Nabisco for a treat donation. Isaac ordered plush bunnies from the Dollar Tree. Justin, Stacy, and Jamie can help with cleanup. Marilee will pick up the Easter Bunny at 9am, drive around the neighborhood a little bit, then arrive at Droster Park at 9:15am. Isaac and Audra will work with the Great Dane to coordinate an advertisement for their egg hunt in exchange for a \$50 Gift Certificate to be used for our membership drive incentive.

Donation Drive update: Board members are reminded to follow up with their business contacts and keep the spreadsheet updated when donations are received.

2016 Budget Approval: The board reviewed the 2016 draft budget that Stacy put together. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Isaac to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting (April 9, Messiah Lutheran Church, 10-11 a.m.) Dave DeFelice, Denise DeMarb, and Melissa Sargent will all be present for the social period between the block captain training and the annual meeting. A representative from the MPD will be present to speak about the state of the neighborhood. We will recap 2015, look at 2016, present the budget, and introduce the 50th anniversary project. Justin will put together the presentation Power point. Stacy, Abby, Jamie, and Marilee volunteered to bring snacks. Stacy will update the financial slides. Board members are asked to dress in business casual and be prepared for a board photo. Isaac will bring his laptop.

2016 Membership Drive (April 10 – May 15) and Block Captain Training (April 9, 9-9:30 a.m.) Board members are continuing to find block captains for their district. Justin will work on updating the files and work on getting them printed. Justin will check if the Great Dane is available for our April meeting, board members will plan to arrive early to work on stuffing membership drive packets.

Earth Day cleanup (April 23) Joel Stone will be leading the Garlic Mustard Pull from 9am to noon. Abby will lead the clean up from 9-11am. Abby will work with Parks to work on the release form and will purchase supplies. Isaac will check the shed for vests, gloves and garbage/recycling bags.

Review final draft of Equity survey- The board reviewed the most recent version of the equity survey and provided feedback. Justin will put together a revised draft.

Teen Programming ideas- The board received feedback from a neighborhood teen that there is a high need for volunteer service opportunities for students to use on college applications. The board discussed offering to certify volunteer hours for the Earth Day cleanup. Faye is planning to meet with someone from the YMCA to discuss possibly partnering to put on an event for teens with some sort of athletic event, food, music, etc.

New business

Board Vacancies: We currently have two open seats on the board as Faye sent noticed that she has resigned. Isaac also announced that he is resigning, effective after the annual meeting.

Officer Elections: Board members are asked to send nominations for executive positions to Mike Digman by March 31st. Officers will then be elected at our April meeting and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Fourth of July Celebration planning-The board decided to purchase ice cream cups this year instead of asking Schoepp's to donate again since last year the donated cups were past their expiration date. Justin will check with Chris Winterhack to see if he has any suggestions for a local band to play at the event and will also check with the No Name String Band.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Announcements

- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, April 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East District Police Station (809 South Thompson Drive). May meet at the Great Dane and arrive early for membership drive packet assembly.
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is March 15 for the April/May Echo. Please save articles to Dropbox in the appropriate folder—Tier 1-Paid Ads, Tier 2-Important, Tier 3-If Space Allows.

- April/May Echo Article Assignments:
 - 1) President Column, Annual Meeting, Calendar of Events, Membership Drive (Justin)
 - 2) Secretary's Corner (Jamie)
 - 3) Treasurer's Corner and 2016 Budget (Stacy)
 - 4) Easter Egg Hunt (Isaac)
 - 5) Earth Day cleanup (Abby)
 - 6) Member Corner (Charles)
 - 7) 50th Anniversary project (Marilee)
 - 8) Advertising
 - 9) Suggestions?

Submitted by Jamie Meise