

ENA Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016 @ 7-9 p.m.
Great Dane Eastside
Upper Level Meeting Room

Present: Justin Martin, Isaac Semrow, Charles Donaldson, Marilee Cronin, Jamie Meise, Abby Abernathy, Stacy Wellford, neighbors Alice Pulvermacher and Jared Marker, videographer Steve Cheramy

Absent: Audra Johnson

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

“Word On the Streets” Neighborhood voting turnout was high. Denise DeMarb hosted 2 neighborhood safety meetings over the past month with moderate attendance. Alice attended the safety meeting and is interested in initiating a neighborhood watch. The board will help Alice get the word out and organize interested residents. There has been discussion on Facebook about speeding concerns on South Thompson and near the school, speed bumps will be added on Ellen Ave.

Secretary’s report: Board members are reminded to post and comment on Facebook to promote our upcoming events.

Treasurer’s report: Stacy will update the financial documents this Friday and provide and update at the Annual Meeting.

Old business:

Easter Egg Hunt Debrief- The event went very well and as usual had great attendance. The fire department arrived early so the kids could check out the truck prior to the egg hunt. We did have extra treat bags- some were donated to the library and the rest we will disassemble and reuse. The line to cash in eggs for treats was long but the Easter bunny kept the kids entertained and no one seemed to mind. Culvers and Metro Market donated ice cream coupons for the special egg prizes. We received positive feedback from neighbors at the event and on Facebook.

Annual Meeting (April 9, Messiah Lutheran Church, 10-11 a.m.) Board members are asked to arrive between 8 and 8:30am to help set up for the block captain training and annual meeting. Stacy will bring cash to make change for membership dues, her laptop, coffee, plates, and cups. Justin will bring the agenda, last year’s minutes, reduced rate membership forms. Abby, Marilee, Stacy, and Jamie volunteered to bring snacks. Isaac will get the sign out of the shed. Board members are asked to dress business casual for an updated board picture. Board members will report as follows: Stacy-treasurers report, Marilee- 50th Anniversary, Charles- Emerald Ash Borer, Jamie-secretary’s report and year in review, Justin-preview of 2016, introduce board of directors and ask for neighborhood approval, and call for new board members/volunteers.

2016 Membership Drive (April 10-May 15) and Block Captain Training (April 9, 9-9:30 a.m.) District coordinators are continuing to finalize block captains and assignments. District Coordinators will need to print assignments and gather membership packets for their block captains to be distributed at the training meeting.

50th Anniversary Project- The board is working to create a video history to commemorate the neighborhood’s 50th anniversary coming up in 2018. We are working to create a steering committee to organize the project as well as neighbors who are interested in sharing stories and pictures. We are going to show a short video at the

neighborhood meeting to introduce the project and will also post the video online. Steve will be taking picture and videos at some of our neighborhood events to be used in the project. Block captains will be encourage to keep an eye out for residents who might be interested in participating. Marilee is working to set up fundraisers with Culvers and Metro Market, and she is continuing to work on writing the grant to help fund the project. Justin will also create a tab on our website so people can donate through Paypal.

Earth Day cleanup (April 23)- Abby is leading the cleanup which will be from 9-11 and Joel Stone is heading up the invasive species pull which will be from 9-12. Volunteers will be encouraged to bring their own water bottle as water will not be provided. Abby will purchase gloves, Isaac already picked up trash bags, and Justin will create a volunteer certificate.

Donation Drive update- donations are continuing to come in from local businesses. Board members will continue to follow up with their contacts. In the coming months we will determine what each prize will be used for and then board members will be responsible for sending thank you notes to their contacts.

Equity Outreach- On hold until after Fourth of July

New board members: A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Stacy to add Alice and Jared to the board. Motion Carried. Welcome!!!

New business

Fourth of July Celebration planning- The board is looking to hire live music again this year and discussed possible options. Charles will contact the Oak Street Ramblers for information and if he is unsuccessful Justin will contact Julia McConahay of Deerwood Studios for recommendations.

Officer Elections:

Previously accepted nominations:

President: Jamie Meise

Vice-President: Charles Donaldson

Secretary: Justin Martin

Treasurer: Stacy Wellford

No further nominations were made at the meeting.

A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Isaac to nominate officers as listed above. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Announcements

- The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Great Dane Eastside Meeting Room.
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is May 15 for the June/July Echo. Please save articles to Dropbox in the appropriate folder—Tier 1-Paid Ads, Tier 2-Important, Tier 3-If Space Allows.

Submitted by Jamie Meise