



## Westside Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Agenda May 15, 2014

Time	Topic	Lead
6:30 P.M.	Call to Order	Cunningham
6:31 P.M.	Approval of Agenda	Cunningham
6:32 P.M.	Guest Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brent Hale, Pastor, World Harvest Outreach Church</li> </ul>	Cunningham
6:38 P.M.	Approval of April 17, 2014 Minutes	Fauson
6:40 P.M.	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update of action items from April meeting</li> </ul>	Cunningham
6:46 P.M.	Treasurer's Report	Boehme
6:48 P.M.	Fiesta	Boutell
6:50 P.M.	Yard Sale	Cunningham
6:56 P.M.	Grants	Fauson
6:58 P.M.	Riddle Elementary School	Fauson
7:00 P.M.	Sexton High School	Knight
7:02 P.M.	Newsletter	Boutell
7:04 P.M.	Voter Education/Civic Engagement	Kovacik
7:06 P.M.	Westside History	Cunningham
7:08 P.M.	Summer Event	Fauson
7:14 P.M.	Crime and Safety	Payne
7:16 P.M.	Community Engagement	Alicea
7:18 P.M.	RACER Trust	Quick
7:20 P.M.	Neighborhood Improvement	Holland
7:22 P.M.	MLK Garden	Fauson
7:24 P.M.	Annual Meeting	Knight
7:26 P.M.	Good & Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy birthday, Dan Boutell!</li> </ul>	Cunningham
7:30 P.M.	Adjournment	Cunningham

## **EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS**

Danielle Casavant, Veronica Gracia-Wing, Cheryl Hecksel, Cassandra Nelson, Maureen Nelson, Emily Stevens

## **KNOWN GUESTS**

Brent Hale, Pastor, World Harvest Outreach Church

Pastor Brent Hale would like to introduce himself and some members of the church board to us.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Action Items from April 2014 Meeting:**

- **Members who have not yet written goals statements** will e-mail to Fauson.
- **Knight** will e-mail board members absent from the March meeting to seek their support for the August and September forums between neighbors and Sexton students.
- **Gracia-Wing** will work with Alicea on sending a letter to places of worship.
- **Fauson** and **Knight** (and possibly **Payne**) will attend the LNC forum regarding the recommendations of the Lansing School District Facilities Task Force.
- **Boehme** will change passwords on remaining financial accounts.
- **Hecksel** will consult with Boutell on advertising the Fiesta in the June newsletter.
- **Fauson** will meet with Jen Knapp Long regarding the needs of Riddle Elementary School.
- **Gracia-Wing** will plan breakfast for Sexton High staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **Kovacic** will help cut fruit for the breakfast.
- **The Summer Event Committee** will meet to begin planning the picnic and concert in St. Joe Park.
- **Payne** will make Neighborhood Watch fliers available at the Letts Spring Carnival (May 10).
- **Stevens** will plan a St. Joe Park spring cleanup event.
- **Gracia-Wing** will contact Sexton to see if any student organizations would be willing to help with the St. Joe Park cleanup.
- **Nelson** will contact Quick to learn about utility that might allow her to more easily update the business directory.
- **Casavant** will write an announcement about the Lugnuts game for the June newsletter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Report attached as separate file.

## **FIESTA COMMITTEE**

No progress yet. We should have some solid answers regarding the Irish Pub by the next board meeting. The committee will be asking again for volunteers at this board meeting to help with the planning. So far, we have one volunteer from the Facebook posting.

## **GRANTS**

1. The Lenawee street sign is ready, though it hasn't been installed yet.
2. No update on the Letts library project.

## **NEWSLETTER**

After the April 2014 meeting, Boutell and Boehme discussed how to determine the newsletter profit and loss. Two different advertisers have purchased a four-ad package, which we offer at a 25% discount. Different methods for counting the income from those packages lead to different results. Boutell and Boehme decided to measure it by spreading the discount over all four ads. Using that method, income from ads for the spring newsletter was \$220, the gross cost was \$415 (postage costs have gone up), and the net cost was \$195.

In reading the minutes from the last board meeting, it looks like we need to push up the due date for the summer newsletter in order to give more notice for the yard sale. If this is the consensus, the due date will be 5-25 (10 days from the meeting). It should not be a problem to get the newsletter to the LNC a week to 10 days earlier than normal.

### **MLK GARDEN**

The garden is shaping up nicely for the year. We've had lots of interest from new gardeners and lots of help from the Land Bank and the Garden Project, including deliveries of wood chips and compost to the site. Four apple trees have been added to the site and we hope to add more fruit trees next year. We are exploring options for building a shade structure that could also be used for harvesting rainwater, and may be asking the WNA board if it would be willing to contribute to the purchase of building supplies.