

Minutes  
Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting, July 19, 2023

In attendance: Dave Johnston, Heather Byrd, Jim Hugley, Ryan Shaw, Elizabeth Williams, Becky Dewey

Treasurer report: current balance \$10,440.

Updates:

- Tyler N. at Park Avenue Elementary, confirmed they won't charge anything and will offer popcorn and cotton candy again at NNO. Park Avenue will also distribute NNO information to their families.
- New this year at NNO – Everybody Wins! Iowa and Friends of SW 9<sup>th</sup> will have a booth at NNO.
- South Central N.A. (combination of three neighborhoods) will be having NNO at South Union School
- Friends of SW 9<sup>th</sup> will have a booth and will make a donation towards the pizza at our event

Status regarding neighbor meetings:

- Discussion on when to hold our meetings – every month/every other month, coordinate so we don't hold the same night there is a DSM City Council meeting. Jim suggested every other month for a neighbors/board meeting and in between those hold a meeting with a specific topic/speaker if we can coordinate something. Dave will make arrangements with South Union School to hold our meetings there.

NNO final arrangements:

- We'll need at least two volunteers to hand out pizza slices
- It was decided to skip the Igloo's this year so Elizabeth will check with Casey's on water donation.
- Becky has containers for pizza, napkins, trash cans.
- Moved by Jim, Seconded by Elizabeth to spend up to \$500 and purchase two more canopies for WHNA. Approved unanimously.
- Dave will purchase 14 - \$30 gift cards from Hy-Vee and Casey's for our drawing every 15 minutes.
- Heather will use the bullhorn and announce the numbers every 15 minutes.
- We'll have acknowledgement/receipt forms at the registration table for winners to sign.
- Becky will work the registration table with Dave and make sure forms are completed.
- Dave will meet and confirm pizzas and delivery schedule. He will work out payment with them, single topping pizzas only.
- Becky will have 60 school supply bags to give-a-way.
- Heather and Becky will coordinate a volunteer list based on where we need to place them

Bylaws:

- Jim suggested staggered terms for board members. Dave mentioned this might not work unless/until we have a full board. Discussed recruitment of new board members who can make a full commitment to being on the board and participate in activities.
- Member vs. neighbor discussed. Anyone who resides in our area is a Neighbor. Those that we have contact info for (address/phone/e-mail) are a member and can vote at meetings.
- Voting will be in-person only.

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Holiday Lighting Contest:

- Suggested made by Elizabeth to allow more time to deliver gift cars to winners after the contest or have winners pick up their card at the January meeting.
- All winners need to sign the acknowledgement/receipt form.
- We will not pursue the MidAmerican Energy payment to accounts of winners this year.

WHNA minutes process:

- Minutes will be typed after the meeting
- Draft will be sent to the Board for review/corrections/changes
- Minutes will be finalized after that and sent to President to mail out with agenda of the next meeting
- Minutes will be formally approved at the next meeting and then posted to website

Meeting adjourned.