

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—August 2018

Meadowridge Commons: Wednesday, August 1, 7:00-8:30

Sally Stix - 1	X	Terry Evanson - 9	X	Guests:	
Miguel Benson/Sammy Clevenger - 2	X	Diane Berry /Gene Masters - 10	X	Adam Kneubuhler – MPD	A
Willa Schlecht - 4	X	OPEN - 11	X	Matt Phair – City Council	A
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner - 5	X	Kyra Swenson - 12	A	Matt Veldran – County Board	A
Lisa Veldran - 6	X	Sheray Wallace – 13	X	Dave Glomp – Police Liaison	A
Lisa Schultz - 7	X	OPEN - 3	A	Meryl Bengston – Police Liaison	A
Janice & Mark Bauman - 8	X	X= present, A= absent		Katie Gallagher	X

June Minutes: accepted with compliments to Sara for filling in. Passed.

Treasurer’s report: No comments or questions. Passed. Treasurer busy this past month filling out insurance forms for city permits.

Guests: No police or elected officials here tonight. Katie Gallagher (West Madison Senior Center) arrived at 7:13.

Old Business

- **Welcome (Terry):** Miguel Benson and Sammy Clevenger, new Area 2 representatives were welcomed. Also, a big thank you to Krista Ralston for all her hard work on the board in past years, now stepping down.
- **Election Results (Sally):** There were no surprises, all were reelected. Roughly 80 people came to picnic. It was held at a new location: Meadowood Park (instead of Elver Park). Attendance was good—even with the change.
- **Calendar (Sheray not yet here so Terry spoke for her):** Community Supper date to be changed from 8/22 to 8/25 because there is a Commonwealth block party the same day and it would be a good idea to combine. Lisa S. requested a submission for a check for the food be submitted before 8/16 because she’ll be out of town after that date.
- **Review of Summer Activities:**
 - *Make Music Madison (Willa):* It rained, but musicians were agreeable to performing in the Good Shepherd Church. Lots of scrambling to change publicity/location signs. It was better than having it cancelled, but there were about 50 attendees at most. Hoping for better weather next year. There will also need to be more tents to protect the musicians. Willa wants to make a gift of \$200 to Good Shepherd church for opening their doors to MMM. Willa made the motion and Mark B. seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - *West Fest: (Tyler and Sara):* Per Terry, they were superb. They did all stage shows, other events, and advertising. About 300 people came. The weather was great. Terry ran the dunk tank. Overall the fest ran well, including food trucks and music. Alder McKinney doesn’t want to run it, rather would have the neighborhoods do this. The Parks Division put a lot of money into West Fest, but will not be doing it next year (per Lisa V.). A major sponsor needs to be found for next year to help run it and provide money. Hundreds of hours were spent planning this event, starting last January.
 - *Stop the Violence Parade (Sheray):* went very well. More people from the community were marching. It was held on same day as West Fest. Participants marched down Raymond to McKenna, then went on to West Fest.

- MNA Picnic (Terry): Turnout was good. A summary was put together to help the committee for next year. Food and prizes. The Bounce House will not be done next year, because it was difficult to control the kids from the outside (adults couldn't go in).
- **West Madison Senior Center (Katie Gallagher)**: The center used to be on Segoe, but now it has moved to Meadowood Shopping Center. They will have an open house on 10/25 from 2-4 pm. The focus of the center targets seniors 60 and over with an emphasis on helping them to stay independent in their homes. The center runs the senior lunches held 3 days/week. Staff work is mostly done 'out in the field', rather than in the office. Katie will contribute an article about the senior center for the Sept. newsletter.
- **Sheray**: On 8/25, instead of a community supper, Sheray plans to have a community garden lunch because the Commonwealth block party is being held at noon. The timing will need to be finalized. She will be serving hot dogs and brats and also food from the community garden. Sheray continues to make great inroads with her health outreach to the community.
- **SW Stakeholders' Meeting (Terry)** The stakeholders' group was created by Matt Phair and the goal is to meet together quarterly to discuss issues that involve all the SW neighborhoods. Those invited were neighborhood board presidents among other involved people of the community. The meeting held last Monday was the second one. The main topic of discussion was about housing. This included eviction prevention and working with social workers in the schools to help keep the children stabilized.
- **On-line directory (Gene)**: It's completed with a new, corrected version. Gene said that it is easy to correct and update. To access it, there could be a link on the back of the membership cards or on the webpage. Board discussed the issue of privacy, how to access the directory, and how often it should be updated. Decision to update directory every six months and only members will have access to it on the website. **Action**: Kyra will find a place to put it on the website. Terry asked Gene to include the MNA Area for each member in the on-line directory. **Action**: Gene will do this. Directory copies will still be printed for those without a computer.
- **Garden Committee (Terry)**: The primary job of the garden committee is to maintain the plantings in front of the three neighborhood signs and the little garden that is south of the community garden. It needs to be mowed or maintained. Currently the Whitney Way sign is almost covered with vegetation. The garden committee group consists of Sally, Kyra, and Linda Mattson. Someone is needed to be chair. Duane and Marsha are volunteers. We would like a non-board member to chair the group. **Action**: Terry will reach out to MNA members to find a volunteer.

New Business

- **2019 Membership Drive (Terry)**: Areas 3 and 11 will need to be canvassed. **Action**: Terry will reach out to Christian to help with Area 11. Terry will make 700 membership cards and will send out basic membership materials to everyone.
- **Board Retreat (Terry)**: Board chose not to have a retreat every year, but plan to discuss the goals from last year at the next board meeting.
- **2019 MNA Activities**: Begin considering dates for Bingo, Community Suppers, MNA picnic.
- **Board meeting time (Willa)**: proposed having the meeting at 6 or 6:30 pm instead of 7 pm. **Action**: Willa will send out a survey monkey to see if this is possible. Terry agrees with the survey proposal.
- **Meadowood deadline for Sept-Oct edition (Mark)**: deadline for submitting articles is at the end of this month (last Friday). **Action**: Mark will send out an email reminder.
- **Adjournment of board meeting**: meeting adjourned promptly at 8:30 pm.