

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES- June 2018

Meadowridge Commons: Wednesday, June 6th from 7:00- 8:30pm

Sally Stix- 1	X	Terry Evanson-9	X	<u>Guests/Visitors:</u>	
Krista Ralson- 2	X	Diane Berry & Gene Masters-10	X	Adam Kneubuhler- MDP	X
Willa Schlect-4	X	Krya Swenson- 12	X	Matt Veldren- County Board	X
Tyler Rehm & Sara Wagner-5	X	Sheray Wallace-13	A	Hilary Kleese- Community Gardens	X
Lisa Veldran-6	X	OPEN-3		Caramel Morgan Weisberg	A
Lisa Schultz-7	X	OPEN-11		Christian Albouras (visitor)	X
Janice & Mark Bauman-8	A	X=present A= Absent		Linda Mattson (Visitor)	X

May Minutes: Approved as Corrected- Christian Albouras served on Dane Arts (DCC) not the bank commission.

Treasurer's Report: Approved with no comments

Guests:

- **Police Report (Adam Kneubuhler):** There have been a couple issues with children at the library (noisy, chaotic, foul language) and the Meadowood parking lot (fighting). The new director at the library well-known for working with children, so there is hope is that some of these issues will start to subside once he gets settled. MSCR is also helping keeping the children in the neighborhood busy this summer. Overall, it has been a good year for the Meadowood neighborhood as crime is down, which can be attributed to good and targeted arrests, landlord screenings and a general relocation of crimes to the North side of Madison.
- **Country Board Report (Matt Veldren):** New term just started. Getting the finances together for new jail. An alternative system to jail is being worked on for those with mental illness. Right now, the closest mental health facility is in Winnebago county.

Old Business:

- **MNA Banners (Terry):** The board voted for 8' x 3' and 6' x 2' banners. Decided on a yellow background for MNA branding and visibility. Before purchase, will ask about 'wind slits' in the larger banner and provide sales tax exemption.
- **MNA Directory (Gene):** Gene created a PDF directory generated from the Google spreadsheet. He will update it monthly; Kyra will link it to the board documents/ref web page. Kyra will consider options for making the PDF securely available to MNA members. Hard copies can be individually printed. Goal of digitizing the directory has been met!
- **Elver Park Farmer's Market (Kyra and Linda):** MNA table to be at the June 9th and June 30th Elver Park Farmer's Market from 9-11am. Linda providing a "get going, start growing" plant demo including items like - moss gardens; pot garden/flower mockups; cutdown of a 25lb bag of soil; unique 'make & take' planters (milk cartons); seed give away.
 - Sara and Sally to post on social media
 - Joe Ryan to help with booth location (contact for the market)
 - MNA tent (Terry) to Kyra by June 8th. Kyra and Linda to coordinate table and chairs needed.

- Linda also providing a plant demo for WestFest- Sara to reach out to her
- **Make Music Madison (Willa):** Thursday June, 21st from 4-8pm
 - 16 volunteer slots are filled and there were 30 total, so still need help
 - Kyra will be spearheading children's activities but can't arrive until 4, so she needs help setting up from around 2:30 or so. Sally to help?
 - Six tables are being delivered from Good Shepherd
 - Bounce house is being delivered by Peter Albro
 - Police dogs and horses will be at the event
 - Kristen is making the signs and Willa will be putting them up around the neighborhood and on the main roads where they are visible to all the neighbors
 - There will be a MNA table that should be run by a member of the association at all times- if you want to help, reach out to Willa
 - Willa coordinating with the city for mowing, additional garbage cans, etc.
- **WestFest (Tyler):** Saturday July, 14th from 12-7pm at Elver Park
 - Lisa S. wrote \$250 check to the Park's Department to sponsor the dunk tank. Lisa V. took check.
 - Bingo activity at WestFest. MNA has the bingo equipment that we can use, but WestFest would need to provide the caller, sound system, card fee to play, etc. Equipment would need to be picked up, accounted for, and returned as it was. Sara to verify if this will be needed.
 - Tyler is the liaison for WestFest this year (technically the it is the fest's third year but was run by the Boys and Girls club last year)
 - Sheray's parade starts at 11:00 am and will walk from Good Shepherds to Elver Park to kick off WestFest
- **Meadowood Community Garden (Hilary Klees):** Hilary is our new Meadowood Community Garden Liaison; she works with Katie Getty-Syoen of Community Groundworks. They are happy to coordinate with Sally, Kyra, and Linda as the MNA garden committee.
 - Key projects for the garden
 - Obtain sturdy fencing around garden, specifically the North and South sides. Katie submitted a micro-grant for this
 - Create a small seeding area in the 'Mellowood' youth garden. Joe on the garden team works with Mellowood
 - Pursue signage for the garden
 - Create a collaborative art project. Perhaps a mural on the shed as a youth project and memorial to the founder of the garden. Lisa V. will follow-up with Don about possible use a mandala as inspiration.
 - MNA's involvement with the garden (some items are also communicated through the article in the most recent copy of the Meadowood)
 - Help spread the word that there are still plots available
 - Strengthen the garden team to upkeep and help with general gardening
 - Help with the perennial garden: right now no one is maintaining it, so it looks unruly/overgrown. Perhaps re-home the plants to other areas around Meadowood (traffic circles??) or to neighbors and replace the space with grass, unless someone is willing to take ownership of it.
 - MNA's garden committee to follow up on meeting with Hilary and Katie separately to discuss in further details.
 - Provide garden tours during the MNA annual picnic
- **Meadowood Junior Youth Group (Carmel, Owen, Aaron, and Natalie):** Carmel could not attend, but her team told us about the Meadowood Junior Youth Group. It is a worldwide spiritual empowerment program that helps young people develop spirituality, intellect, strong moral capabilities and the power

of communication. They serve middle school students (12-15 years old) and have been in Meadowood 3 years. Meetings are held on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm at the library. They are hoping to work with MNA to help spread the word about their organization. MNA's Involvement may include:

- Article in the September Meadowood about the youth group.
 - Possibly pass out an additional 'youth letter' with the MNA newsletter
 - Possibly work with the police liaison/ MSCR
- **Annual Picnic (Terry):** July, 28th from Noon-2pm.
 - Need helper to fill in for Mark, if needed. Lisa S. volunteered and Gene said he would help with set up on the morning of the picnic.
 - Set Up for the event starts at 10 am at Meadowood Park. Need to set up the tents (2-10x10 and 1-10x20), tables, chairs, etc.
 - Garden tours during the event to be hosted by Hilary and the garden committee
 - **Update the Meadowood neighborhood signs.** The volunteers are there, they just need direction as to what to do. Garden committee needs to communicate these needs:
 - Scrub graffiti
 - Re-paint/touch up. Need to get the paint color/swatch- Sara can get paint for a discount if needed
 - Weed pulling around signs
 - Sara and Sally to update social media pages

Distribution of June- August Newsletter

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30pm: Lisa motioned, Tyler seconded