

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—January 2019

Meadowridge Commons: Wednesday, January 9, 6:30-8 pm

Sally Stix - 1	A	Gene Masters - 10	X	GUESTS:	
Sammy Clevenger - 2	X	OPEN - 11		Dave Glomp – Police Liaison	A
Mike Edmonds - 3	X	OPEN - 12	m	Meryl Bengston – Police Liaison	X
Willa Schlecht - 4	X	Sheray Wallace – 13	A	Ray Gillard -- MPD	A
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner - 5	X	Christian Albouras—At Large	X	Matt Phair – City Council	A
Lisa Veldran - 6	A			Matt Veldran—County Board	X
Lisa Schulz - 7	A			Stephanie Bradley Wilson	X
Janice/Mark Bauman - 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			
Terry Evanson - 9	X				

- **Welcome (Terry):** Meeting began at 6:30.
- **December Minutes:** Approved by board with no comments.
- **Treasurer’s report:** Lisa S. unable to attend. Community supper budget is down to zero. Sheray is working on this. Will need to apply for another grant. Treasurer report approved by Board.
- **Police Update :** Ray was not present at meeting.
- **Elected Officials Report** (Matt Veldran): Referred to his article in the current newsletter for his update. Matt stated that the jail consolidation plan is being worked on. There will be a new juvenile facility for high risk kids to replace Lincoln Hills.

Old Business:

- **Update on Community Based Crime Reduction Grant (Stephanie Bradley Wilson):**
 - Received federal grant approval in October: \$850,000 grant. Four components: Mentoring, Safe Passages, Families and Schools Together (FAST), and Community Policing.
 - Request for Proposals (RFP) for mentoring individuals/groups has been released. Expect to award contracts to 2-3 organizations (deadline for applying is 2/8). The focus is middle school kids in southwest Madison. Training workshops for the successful grantees will be held.
 - Willa Schlecht has been on the advisory team for this grant.
- **Meadowood Signs (Terry):**
 - Fast Signs estimate for three signs is \$565.00. How will we pay for this? A city neighborhood grant could be applied for the replacement of the signs. The signs will be enhanced with the new logo. Terry will be attending a grant writing workshop. The grant proposal is due 3/4/19. Willa said that she would help to review the proposed written grant.
- **Bingo—Sat. Feb.16, 7 p.m., Ten Pin Alley (Terry):**
 - **Bingo Caller:** Joyce Dingman is not available to be the caller. We need someone in the neighborhood to do this job.
 - **Prize collection:** Usually about 20 games are played on Bingo night. Board members signed up to solicit prizes from area businesses. Solicitors are encouraged to use a ‘solicitation letter’ and proof of 501(c)3 status. There are also six \$50.00 gift certificates from various restaurants. **Action:** Mark will go to 3 of the 6 businesses to request that the \$50 certificates be changed to two \$25.00 denominations to make the gift cards go farther. In addition, other MNA Board members signed up to solicit a variety of other area businesses.

- **Draft 2019 Budget (Terry):**
 - Terry pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the amount listed in the budget for the sign grant (under “Income”) and the sign repair (under “Expenses”). There was also some discussion about income from newsletter advertising and the expense line item for donations to other organizations. A motion was made by Mike Edmonds to change ‘grant for signs’ from \$1,000 to \$600, increase income from newsletter advertising from \$800 to \$1,000, and reduce donations to other organizations from \$600 to \$400. The proposed revised budget would provide an income very nearly in balance with total expenses. This motion was seconded by Willa and passed unanimously by the Board.
- **Crossing Guard Request: report of K-5th graders crossing Raymond/Leland and Raymond/Gilbert (Janice/Mark):**
 - Observation was done over a 30 minute period on 12/11/18 from 8:00 to 8:30 am. Mark observed the crossing at Gilbert/Raymond and counted 9 kids crossing during that time with the help of a crossing guard. Janice observed the crossing at Leland/Raymond and counted 18 kids crossing. Some were in groups of 4-5 and were accompanied by an adult. All used the crossing light, but some cars came to an abrupt stop. **Action:** Mike Edmonds volunteered to call the city to discuss criteria for hiring a crossing guard at Leland/Raymond. **Action:** Baumans will email their observation findings to Mike before he calls the city.

New Business:

- **Raising MNA Membership Dues to \$10/yr. (Terry):** Terry recommended raising annual MNA membership dues to \$10. Most other neighborhood organizations charge at least \$10-15 annually. If so approved, when to start? Mike made a motion to increase the MNA membership annual dues to \$10.00 starting in January, 2019. This was seconded by Gene and approved unanimously by the Board.
- **Should MNA Board sponsor a Meadowood Garage Sale? (Janice/Mark)** This activity had previously been sponsored by MNA but in the last few years had been taken over by neighbors on Nextdoor Meadowood. Janice wondered if the Meadowood Garage Sale had occurred last year. She asked on Nextdoor if anyone was going to organize it this year, but received no answers. Sara mentioned that Jackie Steinhauer coordinated the event last year. **Action:** Sara will contact Jackie to see if she is going to organize it again. The Board will discuss this again in February.
- **Dave Glomp email about school board nominations:** The board discussed the challenges of political candidates presenting before the board – namely that as a 501(c)3 organization the board cannot endorse candidates and a discussion by candidates before the board doesn’t reach the larger community. According to Dave, in the past the Board had supported candidate forums and he feels we should consider this. Before the Board could consider sponsoring a forum, issues of advertising, space to hold the forum, and the workload by board members would have to be worked out. The primary is Feb. 12, just 6 days after our next board meeting.
- **To Discuss in February (Willa):** Storage of MNA inventory.
- **Newsletters distributed at meeting:** Distribution of newsletter paper copies to those board members present. **Action:** Mark will send out email with PDF newsletter attachment to all board members.
- **Kyra Swenson no longer on board:** Kyra has left the board but will continue on as webmaster of the MNA website. The vision statement will be discussed at a future MNA Board retreat.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.** Tyler made motion and Mark seconded.