

MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES— May 2020

Conference Call Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 6:30 pm –7:40 pm

Elizabeth Schroeder – 1	X	Gene Masters/Diane Berry - 10	X	GUESTS:	
Miguel Benson – 2	X	OPEN – 11		Christian Albouras	A
Mike Edmonds – 3	X	Arik Grundahl – 12	X	Matt Veldran—County Board	A
Tony Smick – 4	X	Sheray Wallace – 13	X	Merle Bengston- Police Liaison	A
Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner – 5	A			Lucas Hale – Neighborhood Officer	A
Lisa Veldran – 6	A				
Lisa Schulz – 7	X				
Janice/ Mark Bauman – 8	X	(X= present, A= absent)			
Terry Evanson – 9	X				

Welcome (Terry): Technical difficulties for the first few minutes, trying to get members connected to mic. Plan is to use Zoom next time. Terry welcomed the group.

April Minutes: No comments. Minutes approved by board.

Treasurer’s Report: The report was emailed out to everyone prior to the meeting. No questions or comments.

Elected Officials’ Reports: No invited guests were present at meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Meadowood Health Partnership update & COVID-19 efforts in neighborhood (Sheray):**
 - Meadowood Health Partnership is doing well. Served 171 clients with rent assistance, diaper and detergent dispersal (money for this was partly from the United Way grant; UW grant is a flex grant which Sheray can use for diapers, gift cards, utility bills, etc.).
 - Started a community garden: planted seeds and plants.
 - Able to provide neighbors with rent assistance from a private donation.
 - Janice and Lisa S. will provide masks for Sheray’s use and to distribute to neighbors.
- **2020 Meadowood Directory printed (Terry):** Terry has already delivered the directories to each area representative to distribute to those neighbors which receive paper copies of newsletters. She also distributed a few extra copies for future needs. Thank you to Gene for helping to put it all together.
- **Upcoming Summer Calendar Activities Discussion (Terry & Board):**
 - Calendar dates need to be determined because the Meadowood Newsletter will be coming out in June with activities calendar.
 - Terry said that Bingo will most likely be delayed until October 17 or 24, but even that date is uncertain. Janice brought up cancelling the Bingo for this year because the next Bingo activity would be coming up in early spring of 2021 and dates would be too close together. Mike E. thinks both Bingo and the picnic should be cancelled until we have a vaccine. Lisa S. agreed. Terry agreed that many things are being cancelled well into the fall, but also commented that having the annual meeting / election of representatives is in the MNA bylaws. Mike wondered if we could still have a meeting, but skip the picnic. Nominations could possibly be listed in the newsletter. Meeting could be done on Zoom platform with no maximum number of people. Prizes could still be distributed. Terry mentioned having this meeting in September.

- Lisa V. had previously requested to Terry to cancel the Childrens' Bike Parade. Terry suggested we also cancel the 7/29 Community Supper and May 29-30 garage sale.
- Mike E. made a motion to cancel all events due to the COVID-19 virus. Lisa S. seconded it and Sheray also agreed. Motion passed by board.
- Sara and Tyler were not present at meeting but had emailed Terry with MMM update: they haven't heard much from the city about MMM, but they will update their Facebook page with links to all musical events in the city and will also put it on Nextdoor.
- **MNA Website (Arik):** Arik reported that he put Sheray's contact info on the front of the website. Sheray will send him info of local COVID-19 testing sites to post.
- **Elizabeth leaving the Board on June 1 (Terry):** Thanked Elizabeth for her work on the board and website and said that we would miss her. We need a new Area 1 representative. Area 1 is the largest area with 100 homes. Elizabeth has been asking around her neighborhood and will let Terry know if she finds anyone receptive.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Virtual City Planning Meetings (Terry):** Starting first week of May on Monday noon and Thursday early evenings to discuss redevelopment of the Odana Road Area. Board is invited. Link is: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/odana-area-plan/3296/>
- **Proposal for use of budgeted money not being used for summer activities:**
 - Mike proposed that money not spent due to event cancellations should be allocated to the Meadowood Health Partnership (MHP) for distribution (this proposal has also been suggested by a former board member, Linda Kubly). A motion was introduced to take the budgeted money from Bingo, picnic and other activities to donate to the MHP.
 - Discussion: Sheray is very pleased with the idea, saying that the need for neighborhood rent assistance is currently not being met. Some families are needing a monthly donation of \$500 to help with their rent payments. She is exhausting her funds. Mark agreed that this is a good proposal/motion and asked how much are the budgeted funds? Lisa S. responded that the budget for the cancelled events total \$1270.
 - Motion was made by Mike E. and seconded by Mark B. Tony also agreed. Vote by raising of hands. Unanimous agreement. Lisa S. will take care of putting the money into the MHP fund.
- **June Meadowood Newsletter (Mark):** Mark will send out a notice today or tomorrow about contributing articles to the Meadowood. Deadline to submit will be May 29th and the newsletter will be printed by June 3.
- **Garden plots around Meadowood signs:** Tony is working on the area around the Whitney Way sign. Mike E. is in charge of the garden area around the Tawhee/Raymond.
- **Mike E. talked about mental health issues in the neighborhood.** His wife is a teacher and some of her students are very depressed and lethargic. Not doing their homework. She dropped off cookies at one of her student's home. Sheray offered to drop off gift cards at Mike's house
- **Meeting adjourned** at 7:38 pm. Gene made motion to adjourn and Tony seconded.