

## MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 2017

September 7, 2017 – Meadowridge Commons-7:00-8:30

### ATTENDEES:

Sally Stix (1)	Kristen Schoepke (at large)	<b>GUESTS:</b>
Mark & Janice Bauman (8)	Lisa Schulz (7)	Officer Adam
Terry Evanson (9)	Kyra Swenson (12)	Merle Bergston (Police Co-Liaison)
Willa Schlecht (4)	Sheray Wallace (13)	Tauri Robinson (MCC new director)
Sara Wagner/Tyler Rehm (5)	Krista Ralston (2)	

### Assignments for follow-up

Willa – Activity guideline template; Capacity building grant
Sally – City requirements on using Meadowood park for picnic
Kyra – cost estimate for holding picnic at Meadowood park
Terry – letter to former board member re: FB policy
Terry, Krista, Willa, Mark, Janice, Kyra – help membership drive in non-represented areas

### NOTES

- **Board photo:** taken for Website
- **August minutes**—unanimously approved
- **Treasurer’s Report**—Referred to report sent to members by email attachment. Lisa said we have Pay pal balance of \$34.49.
- **Area Reports:** Matt Phair and Matt Veldran did not attend September meeting.
- **Calendar:** Post Meadowood Community Supper MNA FB page in about 1 week. A community session is taking place at same time St. Maria Goretti, discussing an extension of the Elver shelter for a community center. Mayor’s round table, Oct. 7 - Sheray attending. Sally will lead the Oct. 4 Board meeting.
- **New Area Reps:** Terry introduced new area reps for Area 5: Sara Wagner and Tyler Rehm.
- **Sheray** was congratulated on the success of the Anti-Violence Parade. Sheray said that it showed the power of the congregations in the community. Due to this, a Peace march is being planned on Allied Drive. Sheray was also congratulated on getting her community health worker certificate. She is currently leading a 12 session course of neighborhood residents with diabetes to get their blood pressure under control.
- **Swearing in of new members:** Oath of office was administered to the board.
- **Tauri Robinson,** Director of the Meadowridge Community Center. He grew up in community centers and was recently a board member at an east side center. Worked at East high school for 20 years. Focusing on access—working with people where they’re at, helping them to reach their goals. Lots of programming: Zumba, fitness classes, senior meals three days/week. Forming partnerships through grassroots efforts, rather than social media. Forming a volunteer program – reading to kids, connecting with RSVP, etc. Expanding after school programs. He works Mon-Fri 8:30 until six. Email gets a quicker response.
- **Report from Sheray:** Community Supper on 9/26 at Good Shepherd church with theme of ‘Tacos and Talent’. Meadowood health partnership is expanding and growing. Sheray applying for a grant and needs a letter of support from the board. A motion was made by Sally Stix, seconded

by Kyra Swenson for the board to write a letter of support. Motion *was passed unanimously*. Terry will write the letter. MNA would be the recipients of the grant.

- **Police Report (Adam):** Introduced self to newcomers and said that he has been working in the area six years. He reported an incident on Tolman Terrace where rifle rounds found on street. With schools in session there is a slight decrease in juvenile complaints. Less petty crimes by kids and youth after being introduced to local business owners. Weapon offenses are the lowest that they've been for 10 years. He expressed frustration that bad criminals keeping going in and out of the justice system, committing crimes over and over. When the bad guys get out on bail, the trouble starts all over again.
- **Merle:** Crimes are definitely down. 16 calls in the past month. Minor misdemeanors.
- **Membership drive:** All neighbors get the newsletter this time. Current members get directories. Welcome packet to newcomers. They have one year as honorary members. Attachment of Welcome packet was sent to board members so that they could personalize it for their area.
- **Social media policy for Face book:** The policy states that only MNA Board members can serve as MNA FB administer or editors. A motion to approve was made by Lisa Schulz and seconded by Willa. Social media policy was approved unanimously. Terry will inform a former board member who currently has editorial responsibilities on the FB page of this new policy.
- **Areas without representatives:** Area 5 is now represented. We need volunteers to put leaflets in uncovered areas. Terry will do Area 10. Krista R., Mark, Janice, Kyra, Sara and Tyler volunteered to help with Areas 3 and 6.
- **Annual meeting/picnic:** Follow-up on moving the picnic from Elver to Meadowood Park. Need to decide on Meadowood picnic location because Elver needs to be reserved in November. Kyra volunteered to get a cost estimate for a party tent, generator, tables, chairs and signs to advertise the annual picnic/meeting. Date: last Saturday in July. Janice raised concern that most of people in that area are not members and may not feel like a part of the picnic. Response: They are welcome to join. Sally will follow-up with the city to determine if we need permission or if there is a fee to put up a tent in Meadowood Park.
- **Board Retreat on November 11:** Three hour meeting. Saturday. 3-6 pm. Meeting will take place in the meeting room at Sally's office. Sally suggested using a capacity building grant to pay our facilitator (Dan). Willa look into this for 2018. Topics listed for retreat are on the agenda. November 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting is cancelled. Mark Bauman can't attend.
- **Procedure manual (Terry):** Suggest that the board document the details for planning repeating MNA activities. Recommends that the board members who currently do these projects write down the specific steps. This provides for continuity and makes it easier to pass on responsibilities to new board members. Willa volunteered to create a template. Activity examples: Bingo party, MMM, annual picnic, maintenance of the three Meadowood welcome signs, of ash tree treatment, publication of newsletters. Willa recommends calling them 'Activity Guidelines'.
- **Survey:** Willa would like the survey highlighted in the newsletter. Want input of members and new people. Remind people on Next door. Kyra will post a link on the website. Survey Monkey is paid for 3 months.
- **Willa** has signed up for 'Witnessing Whiteness': a 10 week session starting next week.
- **Meeting** was adjourned at 8:35.