

**Lexington-Hamline Community Council**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**1/27/2018 at 10:30am**

Call to Order - Sharon, 10:38am called to order

Approval of January 2018 Agenda, November 2017 Minutes - Sharon

Motion to approve the January 2018 Agenda: Sarah, Seconded- Paul, All in favor  
Motion to Approve November 2017 Minutes- Lucas, Seconded- Paul, All in favor

Introductions: New Volunteer- Steve Stark

Reports and Discussions

Executive Director's Report - Amy (see written report)

- Steve Kantner issues- No financials this month due to catching up from Steve Kantner's illness
- Went to public hearing yesterday on Selby planning- there was no public comment,
- Home Improvement Loan exploring something with NeighborWorks Home Partners
- Tasha Meritt (resident of Lex-Ham) wants to share her story of impact Lex-Ham has had on her life
- Reconnect Rondo - continuing to try to navigate lidding of highway- They are still waiting for some big grant pieces to fall into place. MNDot is still talking as if this is going to happen. Staff is trying to responsibly address the gentrification question. What can we put here that won't drive out current residents? They have subcommittees that could use more members if we know people- Jeremy says that they came and gave a presentation at Union Park- We would like to get a presentation for Lex-Ham

Committee Reports and Discussions

Events - Lucas

- Spaghetti Dinner is coming up- March 18th- Volunteers sign ups on Website
- Working on getting volunteers and block leaders together to appreciate them.
- 2019 Lex-Ham is going to celebrate 50th anniversary- Had a fundraising meeting discussing the 50th anniversary. Lucas is looking to put together a Community book- which would be stories and pictures from the community. Ideas for turning the Annual Meeting into a Gala for 50th-Maybe pull in past Presidents to be on 50th celebration committee
- Events is rethinking the structure of the events committee- have a past chair, current chair and chair elect.

Finance - Ashley

- Worked with Amy to update financials in Steve's absence- Joe is helping update Quickbooks, Met with a consultant to learn more about Quickbooks-
- At last meeting, we voted to give Amy extra hours (15 hours or up to \$400)- we did not use that, Amy does not feel she needs these hours at this time.
- Last meeting we had approved to give the last of Good Works funds to Rondo Commemorative Plaza and New Parks Space for Griggs- we have to wait until financials are finished before we can give this money
- Friend's campaign- \$5190 earned- Bremer Distributions-\$8,034.58

#### Outreach - Sarah

- We did pedestrian flags project
- Welcome Wagon is now passed along to Charlotte Hanley-Jacobson and Lynette Zika
- Outreach is looking into applying for grants - Sarah is attending a class at St Paul College "How to Write Grants" Feb 10th- Board can cover cost of this workshop if others want to attend

#### Exec and Personnel - Sharon

- Exec Planned Board Retreat
- Personnel - Sharon met with new volunteer Steve to update internal documents (Board Manual Materials) and will make them available electronically

#### Community Fund Task Force - Jeremy

- Task force has approved recommendation to the Board end our relationship with Bremer and move our fund to Associated Bank: Trust Division— They had the best in the community, professional, annual or more frequent Board Education. They understand Lex-Ham and goals. They also had a mix of investments that they put together fit with the financials goals: input on percentages to take out from fund each year- good risk reward analysis, what other non- profits do, low fees, good comfort level -

Motion to approve the move from Bremer to Associated Bank and Trust- Lucas, Seconded - Paul, All in favor

Motion to dissolve Task Force as they have met their goals- Paul, Seconded- Sam, All in favor

#### UPDC Reports

##### UPDC BOD - Jeremy

- Naming of the Park at Griggs- Peace and Unity- 1st place is Peace, 2nd place is Unity

##### Land Use and Economic Development - Paul

- 2 houses on Marshall and Moore that will be demoed and 5 story apartment building put in (fits in with current zoning)- prepare for this kind of development- look at current zoning, think about what we want and what we will advocate for in the neighborhood

New Business -No new business

Adjourn meeting - Sharon

Motion to adjourn meeting- Sam, Seconded- Ashley, All in favor

Next Lex-Ham Board Meeting: February 26, from 7-9pm at the Lex-Ham Office

Upcoming Events:

Arab Film Fest - February 8th, Concordia University

Spaghetti Dinner - March 18th from 5:30-7pm, St. George Orthodox Church