

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/26/2018 at 7:00 PM

Present: Sharon Fischlowitz, (Amy) Lucas Riley, Ashley Rashid, Larissa Kiel, Paul Bakke, Jeremy Lostetter, Sarah Murphy, Dawn Puroway, Sam White, Joshua Wilkes, Emmy Treichel, Amy Gundermann

1. Call to Order - Sharon 7:10pm

2. Approval of February 2018 Agenda, January 2018 Minutes - Sharon

Motion to Approve Feb Agenda- Emmy; Seconded-Jeremy; All in Favor

Motion to Approve Jan 2018 Minutes -Josh; Seconded - Paul; All in Favor

3. Reports and Discussions

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

- YMCA building located on Ashland and Lexington has been having issues and neighbors have been complaining - waiting to hear back from the Y about a meeting date
- Thursday, March 1st 7-8:30pm Past Presidents Meeting will take place- the purpose of the this meeting is to foster more of a relationship with past presidents, gain from their knowledge and help recruit volunteers for the 50th Anniversary - In the past there used to be a president elect, president, past president on the board at once, a 3 year commitment. Please let Amy if you'd like to come, all board members are welcome.

b. Committee Reports and Discussions

i. Events - Lucas

1. Spaghetti Dinner - Update and Raffle Item ideas

- Sign up for Spaghetti Dinner! Or Amy will sign you up :)
- Playlist will be Italian accordion music, or if we know someone who plays?
- Looking for ideas for raffle item
- Bundling up flowers at the end to pass onto any neighbors who might need a little extra love;
- Floaters to share information about Lex-Ham- they will maybe push the Do- A- Little Something at the Spaghetti Dinner
- Outreach doing a sign, Ellie's Sock Drive will also be a part of the event, the Kids Activity will be Pasta necklaces.

2. Clean Up in April - City Wide Clean Up- Amy will be there

3. Two big sign ups: 50th Anniversary and Events Committee - need more help

ii. Finance - Ashley

1. Purchase approval for Lex-Ham swag

Lucas would like Lex-Ham to purchase buttons, pens, tote bags, etc. from Rebel Ink - Swag would be used to give to volunteers and block leaders, get our name out there, as a part of the Welcome Wagon, and we could sell it. She would like \$500 to buy swag- would come from budget using Good Works and Marketing funds

Motion to approve \$500 for the use of purchase of Lex Ham Swag- Ashley; Seconded by Sam; All in Favor

2. Grants Class Report

Ashley, Sarah and Jeremy took it and it was a useful, good class. It demystified the grants process. In the class, they were able to start ideas of how to put together grant package. They learned it was important to find an appropriately matched funder. Got lots of great resources. Learned how many pieces come into it. It may be best to break up some of the work amongst many board members and committees. Steve Stark could perhaps help with some research for possible grants.

3. Loan Funds Brainstorm

We have one loan still being paid off. We are looking for someone to manage loan. The program is not being used- Is there a better way to use this money? \$75,000 set aside for these loans- How can we use this money in a way that's beneficial? Is it possible for us to even be competitive? This is a small amount of money so it may be difficult to be competitive. Money came out of the community fund so we feel it must be used to benefit the community.

BRAINSTORMING OF IDEAS FOR LOAN PROGRAM-

- Crisis with Butterflies- planting Milkweed seed;
- Lead service lines coming into houses- help people replace these;
- Tables and chairs on hand for neighborhood events; Resources that could be borrowed by other organizations;
- Simplify the process of getting the loan;
- Buy a building- down payment for??? Dunning?;
- Loan or grant? Money allocated for a particular kind of improvement- involve local business, Tree removal, garden;
- We no longer get money for Crime prevention- Motion detecting lights, solar powered- this is a way to help the security for the neighborhood;

Ashley will bring this to the Finance Committee to talk this over and bring back ideas to the board

iii. Outreach - Sarah (see written report)

- We Care- was a program first intended for seniors, but now the group wants to broaden their reach for other residents who may need help; emergency illness- babysitting help, transportation needs; We Care is getting a small grant for

progressive dinners from different streets to give people an opportunity to get to know one another to be able to identify the needs.

- Do-A -Little Something Kick Off- Run/Walk Club- Lex- Ham in Motion???. April 8th Run/Walk around Dunning every Sunday 3:30pm throughout the summer; Sarah is leading this project
- Bike Rodeo- Bike Safety Curriculum- Express Bike shop could be a part of this- maybe coordinate with Spring Bike Sale- Could have mechanics to fix bikes- Maybe May? Metro Transit - learn how to load bikes on city buses and trains, Cycles for Change- another resource; Josh will lead this project
- Garage Sale- September for possible date - potluck afterwards; Margot is leading

iv. Exec and Personnel - Sharon

- Thank you for generous gifts to Lex-Ham and to our Volunteer Steve Stark-
- Officers of the Board serve on the Executive Committee - we meet the Thursday before the meeting, you get the agenda on Friday- if this doesn't work, let Sharon know-
- Amy, Ashley and Sharon are meeting with Associated - thanks to all on the task force who made this happen
- Strategic Plan funding - Lex-Ham is due for a strategic plan to assess the needs of the neighborhood and be responsive; Exec will begin the process of searching for funding and outside help; Survey at our events- But also the people who don't come to our event.
- Lex-Ham is going to add two more off site meetings for the regular Board meetings

c. UPDC Reports

i. UPDC BOD - Jeremy

- Union Park Feb 10th Retreat Budget projected to have \$22, 000 surplus- with this money, they want to bring in a person 10 hours a week for transportation and Land Use. They received \$6,000 from an anonymous donor. They have \$ 91, 600 in the bank.
- They are looking for a new office space as their space is being bought out-
- They had a Cultural Competency discussion workshop- Deciding what to do with Neighborhood Involvement Committee- would like to create a similar program to the Lex-Ham Welcome Wagon

ii. Land Use and Economic Development - Paul- nothing to report

4. New Business

We try to have a guest at each meeting- tried to have the acupuncture owner to talk to us. Next month there will be an Express Bike Shop tour at 6:30pm.. Best Buy helped to support the Tech Center with \$250,000 grant. Sam would like to get Concordia Call Center to come in as a guest

5. Adjourn meeting - Sharon

Motion to Adjourn- Sam; Seconded - Paul; All in Favor

Submitted by Larissa Kiel