

Lexington-Hamline Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

11/27/2017 at 7pm

Present: Amy Lucas Riley, Sarah Murphy, Sharon Fischlowitz, Jeremy Lostetter, Larissa Kiel, Amy Gunderman, Ashley Rashid, Emmy Treichel, Dawn Puroway

Excused: Josh Wilkes, Paul Bakke, Sam White,

1. Call to Order - Sharon 7:02pm
2. Introductions
3. Guest Speaker: Urban Landreman, Lex-Ham Arts

Lex-Ham Arts used to be a part of Lex-Ham Board, now it is a separate non-profit. Moved away from Lex-Ham board in the 2000's. Lex-Ham Arts has the Lex-Ham Community Band (25th Anniversary) and the Lex-Ham Community Theatre. Band does programming 12 months a year. Sat Dec 9th concert of the Lex-Ham Band at Concordia. Theatre- every month they read plays with a potluck, Dec 8th, they are reading *It's a Wonderful Life*. They have 700 people on their mailing list. They work with Saint Paul Community Ed to teach acting classes. They put on 2 plays a year. Fall production at Wellstone Center on the West Side. Spring production a smaller venue. 3 goals of each production: artistic, community building (getting neighbors to talk to neighbors) and financial. They have partnered with the Minnesota History society, Concordia, etc. If people are interested, go to the website and fill out forms to get involved. If Lex-Ham thinks of any opportunity for music in an event, let them know.

4. Approval of Nov 2017 Agenda, Oct 2017 Minutes - Sharon

Motion to approve Agenda: Larissa Seconded: Jeremy All in favor

Motion to approve Minutes: Emmy Seconded: Lucas All in favor

5. Approval of Josh Wilkes' Board Nomination

Motion to approve Josh Wilkes' Board Nomination: Lucas Seconded: Ashley All in favor:

6. Reports and Discussions

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

- Our volunteer accountant, Steve Kantner, had a stroke. We are going to need to work through this transition because we really relied on him a lot.
- Level 3 offender that moved on Dayton. Scott county is "supervising" him, but with no visits, no check-ins. The landlord rents to these offenders because he can get 3 months deposit, and then if there is any violation, he gets to keep their deposits. Can we do anything about how many sex offenders are in one building? What can we do? Submit a letter to Scott County to influence his sentencing and

subsequent supervision. Get a police presence to patrol during bus stop times. Larissa will contact SPPS transportation to see if there is other ideas.

- More info on Dunning and Arts Us- violations on contract with the City. Amy will send this to Executive Committee. Andy from Parks and Rec is setting up a meeting with Arts Us and Lex-Ham
- Community Plan for Selby - public hearing with the planning commission of the City of Saint Paul regarding the Union Park Community Plan amendment addressing future development on Selby is Friday, 26th of January. It would be good if Lex-Ham is present to clarify meaning of amendment. This is public meeting where we can add our input.
- Park naming process- Union Park will hold a public meeting to cast the vote to bring it from 5 to 2 names. Now partners will get ballot boxes- Peace, Unity, Midway, Mosaic, Tiwahe (Lakota, Dakota means family)

b. Treasurer's Report - Ashley

- We got our final distribution from Bremmer for the year. From the Annual Meeting- \$1731 was raised. We went over what we thought we would do.

c. Committee Reports and Discussions

i. Exec - Sharon

1. Retreat Planning

- Two people to help finalize the retreat agenda with Sharon- Ashley and Lucas
- Something to educate us about the past
- Community Building events, how can we build community?
Progressive dinners
- Looks like retreat will be from 9-2pm on Saturday, January 27th

2. Fundraising Brainstorming Session

A progressive dinner, an event to just raise money, a fun run, adults night out, garage sale, Thrivent Insurance grants- \$500/year, Ice Cream Social more of a fundraising event, Button selling.

ii. Events - Lucas

Gala for the 50th Anniversary with Lex-Ham Band- for 2019

1. Recap Annual Meeting/Auction (see written notes - Annual Meeting Event Notes)

- Squares - needed a different adaptor for the second one
- Lucas wants a meeting in early January to brainstorm about fundraising and Annual Meeting

- Neighbors gave a lot donations to Silent Auction.

2. Planning/ideas for 2018 Annual Meeting

iii. Finance - Ashley

- Discussed Steve's absence. With the Exec and Community Fund Task Force, we decided we need to get an idea of what Steve was doing. We want to propose that we give Amy up to 15 hours in the next two weeks (up to \$400 in extra pay) to assess the situation and what we will need to do to cover Steve's position. The alternative to this is to hire an outside accounting firm, Sharon got a quote from Carpenter Everett \$500 to \$700 for a month.

Motion to approve extra hours for Amy (up to 15 hours (\$400) to assess what we need to replace Steve: Ashley Seconded:Emmy All in Favor

iv. Outreach - Sarah

- Nothing to report

v. Personnel - Sharon

- Nothing to report

vi. Community Fund Task Force - Jeremy

- Task Forces need to hold a vote by email to make the final decision about what will be presented to the Board.

d. UPDC Reports

i. UPDC BOD - Jeremy (see written report)

ii. Land Use and Economic Development - Paul

Paul not present

7. New Business

8. Adjourn meeting - Sharon

Motion to adjourn- Sarah Seconded- Jeremy All in favor

If you would like to send cards to Steve, here is his address:

Steve Kantner
530 Payne Ave
Saint Paul, MN
55130

Next Meeting: NO Meeting in December, January Board retreat date TBD