

Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018
Location: Sabin School
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm

Board Member Attendees

Rachel Lee
Don Rouzie
Henry Moreno
Erin Brasell
Clay Veka
Adrienne Cohen
Kyann Kalin
Sean Green
Shayan Rohani

Approval of January Minutes

Shay moves to approve the January minutes, with two corrections (1) that we reached quorum before the first agenda item in January, and (2) that there is only one line item in the budget for the NECN fee. Adrienne seconds the motion. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Adrienne reports that the only business this month was \$480 in income from SCA ad purchases. Adrienne reports that the current balance is \$12,953.50.

Sabin Small Grants

We posted a survey online and in the SCAN for the 2018 Small Grants. We received a number of responses. There are two suggestions of ramps at Whole Foods, which is beyond our budget and has some site constraints. We might be able to connect those residents to Whole Foods management. There is a proposal about gated fencing at both the north and south sides of the HydroPark. There seems to be interest in having an off-leash dog park there, but this particular fencing proposal does not seem necessary to protect children or leashed dogs. There is a proposal for organizing a Sabin Garage Sale. March 1 is the deadline for proposals, so we may still receive additional suggestions. Adrienne will also reach out to NECN and King, and we may be able to attract some of the small grants that applied for but were not selected for the NECN Small Grants program.

Sabin Clean-Up

Shay met with Lauren today and got her information document. We will aim for scheduling the clean-up on May 12 or May 19. Shay will call the waste hauler as it gets closer. He will be out of the country from mid-April until approximately May 5, but he thinks that he will still be able to handle much of the work. There is a discussion about possible ways to handle the Donate pile, but no resolution of the issue.

General Meeting

There are several possibilities for topics, including more emergency preparedness, perhaps specifically to train block captions. Clay reached out to Sabin NET, who said that they would be happy to come and lead that, but it may only

appeal to people willing to become team captains. Henry suggests that we invite a celebrity speaker, like a local politician or City official. There is some interest in a plant exchange or gardening topic. Sean suggests a PSU geologist, Scott Burns, who talks about local geology. Sean also suggests buying more substantial food, rather than potluck snacks. There are also City funds available for attracting under-represented populations, such as child care or transportation services. Henry proposes a topic on the history of Sabin. There is a consensus to explore the geologist, and Sean will try to reach out to him.

Future of SCAN

Henry is stepping down as SCAN editor, and the Communications Committee is now down to 2 people. Weina has stated that she is willing to be editor, but she says that she does not have copy editing expertise. The print edition of SCAN does not appear sustainable at this point, and we need to decide whether to sell ads for the upcoming year. One alternative is to halt the hard-copy SCAN and shift our efforts to putting content out on social media. Our digital presence is increasing, but it will not reach everyone in the neighborhood. There is consensus that shifting to exclusively digital is unfortunate, but necessary. There are April and June issues coming up, so we can use those to advertise the transition and direct people to Facebook. There are currently 3 renewals of ads, so we would need to refund what has been paid (at least a pro-rated amount). The printing costs for April and June issues therefore may not be covered by ad costs. The printing is approximately \$330 per issue. Even if we stop the hard-copy newsletter, we would like to be able to call on the distribution network of volunteers to deliver flyers in the future. Adrienne moves to stop the hard-copy SCAN after the June issue and to authorize Henry to communicate to businesses that have bought ads to offer them the option of either receiving a refund of the total amount that they have already paid for the upcoming year, or receiving a refund of what they have paid minus a prorated amount for ads in the April and June issues (\$64). Kyann seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

2018/2019 SCA Officers and SCA Meet

There is some burnout among the SCA Board members and diminishing numbers of volunteers and SCA projects. We could amend our bylaws to allow the option to meet less frequently, perhaps quarterly. Amendments to the bylaws require (1) the Board to approve the language of the amendments; and (2) the amendments to pass by a 2/3 vote at a General Meeting. We could also make other changes to the bylaws at the same time, as long as they are consistent with ONI requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.