

Board Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2019
Location: Sabin School
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm.

In attendance

Clay Veka
Rachel Lee
Erin Brasell
Adrienne Cohen
Claire Bollinger
Vanessa Renwick
Sean Green
Don Rouzie

Guest

Esther Sung, Sabin neighbor

October Minutes. Adrienne moves to approve the October minutes without changes. Erin seconds. Approved unanimously, with Don abstaining. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report. Adrienne reports that she has not received any update from NECN since August, and does not know we paid for expenses on the Spring Clean-Up, because those invoices were submitted directly to NECN. She believes SCA has a balance between \$12,000 and \$14,000. SCA has spent \$626 since August on newsletter expenses and mailings, \$50 for the annual report, a \$500 donation to Sabin School, and a \$500 donation to King School. Today the Sabin NET submitted receipts for reimbursement on part of the previous grant.

Communications Fund Budget Proposal. NECN will grant up to \$500 for communications. Erin proposes to request \$460 to print flyers twice a year and \$40 to pay for Facebook boosts to promote the Clean-up and the SCA annual general meeting. Vanessa suggests possibly using IPRC in SE Portland for printing. The Board concludes that this year, one flyer in April makes sense. And if we set our following year's meeting schedule by then, we can also include the Board meeting schedule. We could also include approximately \$100 for yard signs to promote the neighborhood garage sale project, which is being requested by Benjamin Foote, the neighbor who is organizing it. The consensus is to request \$250 for printing, \$150 for yard signs, and \$50 for Facebook, for a total of \$450.

Clean-Up Update. Claire reports on behalf of Shay and Benjamin that the plan is a morning yard sale on May 11; with the clean-up later that afternoon (perhaps 1 pm to 5 pm). Shay has verbal confirmation from the hauler for May 11. He will be talking to Maranatha about the change from the traditional schedule. Benjamin is proposing 25 reusable yard signs at \$4/sign, but there is concern that more signs may be needed. Erin will include the signs in her communications fund request to NECN. Benjamin is also proposing to have a website, linked from the SCA website, with online registration. The yard sales are a pilot project that is not expected to raise revenue this year. There is a suggestion to move the time for the clean-up a bit earlier, maybe 11 am to 3 pm. There is a suggestion of a third volunteer shift for people with vehicles to take reusable stuff to Community Warehouse, Goodwill, etc.

Adopt 2018/2019 Budget. Adrienne proposes:

Income: contributions (clean-up donations): \$2000
grants (clean-up reimbursement, plus communications): \$1700 (including the \$450 grant, above)
Total budgeted income = \$3700

Expenses: Printing & signs (as outlined in communications grant discussion above): \$400
Social Media (Weebly website, domain name, plus Facebook boosts): \$100
Grants (including \$1000 for Sabin NET Grant, \$1000 donation to the schools): \$2500
Meetings (refreshments): \$100
Misc: \$1000
Clean-up (estimated without complete information from last year): \$1000
Taxes & Licenses: \$60

Total budgeted expenses = \$5160

Deficit of \$1460.

Rachel moves to approve the budget as listed above, including the \$450 grant request to NECN. Don seconds.
Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

Digital Newsletter. Erin sent a mailchimp test email to the Board today. She proposes to send out a test email soon to the full list, and to send out the digital newsletters after most board meetings, plus one in late summer. She will post them on the SCA website. Any board member who wants to be a mailchimp user can do that. Erin will send out a digital newsletter in May.

Annual Meeting. Suggested topics, with a final decision to be made in March:

- (1) Audubon & light pollution's effects on bird migration. Vanessa will contact Bob Salinger, who lives in King.
- (2) The Oregon Conversation Project again. Clay will look at the list of topics currently offered.
- (3) The woman who is writing a history of Native Americans in the Portland area. Vanessa will try to locate her.
- (4) The crow patrol downtown, which uses falcons to scare away roosting crows. Vanessa can contact.

Bike More Challenge. LUTC requests SCA approval to register as SCA Volunteers and promote it to current Sabin Community Association volunteers (i.e., within the last year). The SCA Board feels strongly that we should open this up as widely as possible. Rachel moves that we authorize Kirke to register SCA for the Bike More challenge in the 500+ category and to work with Erin to promote it as widely as possible. Vanessa seconds. Approved unanimously, no abstentions. Motion passes.

NECN Updates. Sean reports that there is a new emergency night shelter in the County building on MLK (Walnut Park), open in November. He believes there may be 150 beds. There are no kitchen facilities there. NECN brought dinner once, and anyone is invited to do the same. NECN remains involved in land use and environmental issues. NECN is doing topical podcasts and recordings related to topical issues, including homelessness, which are posted on the NECN website. ONI has a new director, is rebranded, and has made many changes, which create some uncertainty for NECN and the future of the coalitions and neighborhood associations.

Friends of Irving Park. Clay reports that a neighbor is forming a group around the issue of off-leash dogs in Irving Park. There is also an organization doing a community care day at Irving Park on MLK Day. Esther reports the City is also doing a volunteer day at Irving Park on January 22.

Adjourned at 8:37 pm.