**MNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES—April 2018**

Meadowridge Commons-7:00-8:30

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| Sally Stix - 1 | X | Terry Evanson - 9 | X | **Guests:** |  |
| Krista Ralston - 2 | A | Diane Berry & Gene Masters - 10 | X | Adam Kneubuhler – MPD | A |
| Willa Schlecht - 4 | X | 11--open |  | Matt Phair – City Council | A |
| Tyler Rehm/Sara Wagner - 5 | X | Kyra Swenson - 12 | X | Matt Veldren – County Board | A |
| Lisa Veldran - 6 | X | Sheray Wallace – 13 | X | Dave Glomp – Police Liaison | A |
| Lisa Schultz - 7 | A |  |  | Meryl Bengston – Police Liaison | X |
| Janice & Mark Bauman - 8 | X | X = present |  |  |  |

March Minutes: accepted. Kyra made motion and Sally seconded.

Treasurer’s report: A net inflow. Accepted with no comments.

No elected officials present.

**Old Business**

**EOP Grant Update**

Sheray got a $5,400 EOP grant for youth engagement and health education. This is Sheray’s second EOP grant. She thanked Willa for helping and teaching her about grant writing**.**

**Community Supper 4/25, 5:30-8:00 pm at Good Shepherd Church**

Focus: spring healthful eating. Bring a vegetable to create a salad bar. ***Action****: Kyra will make flyers for this.* Health info will be shared.

**Meadowood Then & Now—Celebrate 60th anniversary of MNA**

Kyra (through a Meadoword article) is inviting neighbors to contact her with stories about when they bought their house way back in the 50’s, what kids like about their current neighborhood as compared to years ago, etc. Talk with the older neighbors in person or by phone—many of them don’t have computers. She would like it to be across ages and race groups. Goodman Neighborhood has done this as well: she will contact them for ideas. She has a page on the website with a running tally so we will be able to look back on this years from now.

**Logo**

Gene and Diane had a new idea to make the logo drawing more landscape than portrait. Everyone agreed. ***Action****: Kyra will convey the comments*.

**Make Music Madison 6/21, 4-8pm**

Willa met with Kristen S. Kristen will help with the volunteer website. Kyra volunteered to be co-leader with Willa and will help with youth activities. There will be a bounce house. Insurance company will be contacted. Canine and equistry officers will be coming. Generators will be used this year because electricity won’t be installed in the new park shelter in time for MMM. Sheray will do community supper that evening at 6 pm in conjunction with MMM.

**West Fest and beer tent sponsorship, 7/14, Elver Park, noon-7 pm**

Tyler said there will be no beer tent. MNA will sponsor something else: dunk tank? We will create a line in the budget for West Fest: at least $250.00.

**Annual picnic, Saturday, July 28, Noon – 2 p.m.**

Terry reported that providing portable toilets would cost about $150.00. The picnic is only two hrs. But what about children that can’t wait? Undecided on this. City permits for decorative painting on pavement turned is expensive ($150) and a very bureaucratic process. The Board decided to plant the circles instead. Kyra’s mother is very interested in helping and is an avid gardener. We may need a street use permit, but this is more straight forward. Need 70% of the residents along the street to agree with closing the street for a few hours.

**Gardening Committee**

The three neighborhood signs will be planted and maintained by Sally’s neighbor, Marcia. The board is also in charge of plantings on Raymond (in front of strip mall) up to Leland. Board agreed that a Garden Committee should be set-up. Sally volunteered to lead the Garden Committee; Kyra will help.

**Byrne Grant Update**

Willa reported that Commonwealth received a grant of $850,000 for crime reduction. They are looking at crime statistics and drilling down to what is actually the cause, using evidence-based interventions. Advisory team meets once a month. SW Madison has 5 hot spots—3 of these are in Meadowood.

**Meadowood Park and Community Garden**

Terry reported that the ash tree that we are sponsoring needs to be treated again. The quote for treating the tree is $173.40. Plan to treat it in June. Sign-up for the community garden plots started in March. Someone is needed to manage the community garden. Renaming the garden: a whole different discussion per Sally. **Action:** Sally will follow up with the Parks Division on renaming the community garden.

**Block Parties**

Terry reminded board that encouraging block parties was one of our goals. We are all responsible to make this happen in our area. This will help neighbors to get to know each other. **Action**: Lisa V. will make the template. Don’t need city approval if it is held in someone’s yard, garage or backyard. If blocking off street, then you’d need agreement with 75% of residential units, plus $50 permit.

**New Business**

**Social Media Policy**

Approved by board last fall. Two recent issues: posts on Meadowood Facebook page with 1) political overtones and 2) inclusion of safety issues in the neighborhood. Discussion: do we want to allow items that put our neighborhood in a negative light on the FB page or should crimes occurring in our neighborhood be included to inform the public? Facebook is open to everyone and is more inclusive; Nextdoor Meadowood is only for homeowners. Board agreed that the neighborhood needs to be informed; that public comments on posts are not needed; and that relevant neighborhood safety information can be also be posted on the MNA Neighborhood Safety webpage and on Nextdoor.

**Revisions in Social Media Policy:** Don’t allow commenting on the Facebook page, just messaging. The last point in the policy will be revised; wording about ‘blocking or reporting posts’ will be removed. Facebook editors/administrators are the only ones allowed to post. **Action:** Terry will revise social media policy and send out by email.

**April Meadowood Newsletter**

Mark reported PDF version will be sent out tonight. Terry wants to plan for areas not covered for delivery of newsletters. **Action:** Sally will do Krista R.’s Terry will send out electronic copies to Areas 3 and 11. Kyra will pass out paper copies in Area 11.

**Motion to adjourn** at 8:30 pm. Sally motioned and Kyra seconded.