

Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA)

Monthly Membership Meeting

John R Hooker Room, City Hall, December 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:04, and introductions were made.

Attendees: John Kennedy, Spicewood, John Grigutus, Don Granbois, Blue Ridge, Jon Lawrence, Bryan Park, Sandi Clothier, Near West, Judy Berkshire, East Side, Elizabeth Cox-Ash, Paul Ash, McDoel Gardens, Tom Shafer, Park Ridge East, David Walter, 6th & Ritter, Carrie Winkel, Crescent Bend, Bill Milroy, Old NorthEast.

The Minutes of November's meeting were reviewed; Jon Lawrence motioned for approval, Paul Ash offered second, minutes were approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented by Elizabeth Cox-Ash; the motion to approve was made by Judy Berkshire, and seconded by John Kennedy. The report was approved unanimously.

A report from the various committees was presented: Tom Shafer gave the report of the Party Committee, the Party will be held from 7-9 in Fountain Square Ballroom. For the catering, Cynthia is calling Bloomingfoods and One World Enterprises to get quotes on food; Pete Kinney will be bartending, and the wine will be coming from Jason at Manolos, both of these are former Bloomingfoods employees whom CONA has worked with in past years.

Elizabeth suggested that we charge \$5.00 for a glass of wine and asked whether we needed cash for the party, for change for the wine. She also said we need a Location Permit, a temporary permit for place.

In comparison to last year's food list, we will be getting more meats and eliminating fruit.

Elizabeth offered to provide punch for those who do not want to have alcohol or water, and asked who was providing plates, napkins and cups.

Tom continued his presentation to explain the components of the party, which will include a slide show of neighborhood events, as well as photos from the photo booth, from last year and, in addition, we will have photos of CONA presenters and Award Recipients in the slide show. It was also determined that we will not try to have a silent auction, it was determined to be too cumbersome to pull off for this year.

A discussion of the Award to Bill Sturbaum followed, with several ideas for naming of the award. Elizabeth motioned to approve an award, and John Kennedy seconded.

Tom- gave a summary of the Party committee meeting

- We will continue the photo booth, 1.00 donation suggested
- Get props from NA's – ask NA's if they have something they'd like in photo booth
- Education Committee- will meet to get potential education topics, what generates most interest, will have a board at the party so people can help identify priorities

Marketing-

- will email City Council, and County officials, Bloom Magazine, WFHB, WFIU, Ryder, HT,
- talk with Bob Zaltsberg about Carrol's award
- Jan's poster will be delivered around the town prior to the event.

Tom passed a list around the room for Volunteer Sign Up for the Party.

Education Committee

Jon noted that we have an offer of \$2000 from the City for Education that must be used in 2016

Ideas, and a committee, needs to be in place early next year so we can move forward. Sandi Clothier and Judy Berkshire volunteered for the committee.

A discussion of how to organize the series followed, and the question of whether to bring speakers in from outside, or try to stay local was presented. Don Granbois suggested that we stay local and not try to do something on a grand scale.

Tom asked if we are interested in people in neighborhoods or the problems of neighborhoods, or something having to do with educating the general population.

Bill added that relations between town and gown could be a good topic, and Judy mentioned sustainability issues and affordability issues would be good topics.

Bloomington Tech Park

David Walter reviewed progress on the Certified Tech Park, and noted that with new Mayor, John Hamilton coming in, and new people on the committee, nothing will be done right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.