

FRNNG Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 20, 2010  
Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church  
Full Board meeting: 6:30-8:00pm

Facilitator: Stearline Rucker  
Minutes: Jenny Case

Present board members: Sandra Smith, Stearline Rucker, Wade Warner, Karen Young, Ted Moe, Kim McCoy, Shannon Guernsey, Kirk Anderson, Kirk Frauenheim, Jeri Elsner, Senem Drewes, Herb Gysler, Tom Ameson

Absent board members: Sue Redepenning, Shelley Nystrom, Jessie Hill, Allison Hall

Others present: Jenny Case, Program Manager; Gerry Sell, neighborhood resident

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Welcome to community members  
Introductions of Board members  
Community Member Open Forum

Resignations from Allison Hall (Regina Representative) and Senem Drewes (Program Chair)

Financial Update-Stearline Rucker, President, FRNNG

Wade and Herb are still available to help committees contract remaining dollars. Committees should have brainstorming session, decide on changes and then invite Wade or Herb to next meeting if help is needed with the paperwork.

Herb is working on creating an administrative budget to let us know how long the remaining funds (\$50,000) will last. Document ready by next board meeting; can then assess how quickly we need to fundraise/reallocate funds.

All committees should have strategies to contract remaining funds completed by December 1, 2010. Chairs should focus on either keeping the same strategies or only making small changes to existing plans. Any drastic revisions would take more time and involve a vote by the neighborhood as well as City Council. The following action steps/deadlines were set:

1. Jenny will send NRP link with strategy information to committee chairs
2. Each committee will meet and decide how to use remaining dollars. If help is needed in contracting dollars, chairs will invite Herb or Wade to a second meeting (Finance Cmte will only help once a plan has been approved by the committee)
3. Chairs will send completed strategies (prioritizing project ideas, identifying dollar amounts for each as well as any funds which will remain unused) to the FRNNG office by **Friday, November 12th**. If committee chairs do not submit any changes by the 12th, the existing strategies will be used.

4. Finance Committee and Jenny will meet to review/centralize committee strategies
5. Jenny will send complete strategies back to chairs no later than **Monday, November 15th**
6. Review documents and be prepared to discuss at board meeting on Wednesday, **November 17th**
7. Once approved, Jenny will send the completed plans to NRP **by December 1st**

Greening Committee needs money. Each committee should make an effort to prioritize when revising plans; pool of unused dollars could hopefully be moved into a Greening budget. Discussion on how to skew greening projects so they could potentially be covered by other committees.

Finance Committee will prepare a budget for the Program Committee (also in need of funds).

Request by Kim and Shannon to have extra column added to financial reports giving clear description of expenses. Herb will look into it; Jenny will send out a "cheat sheet" of common expenses.

#### Programs-Senem Drewes

Senem resigned as Programs Chair and would like to be considered for the open Regina Representative position.

Job descriptions for both should be placed in Close to Home as well as on the website. Board members are invited to make nominations.

#### Business-Karen Young

Held 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Other business discussed during 'action items' portion of agenda.

#### Communications-Kirk Anderson

Would like to be able to have each chair/rep be able to post things on the website. Plains Media won't allow so they are researching other providers. Will also research prices for new software to make website handicap accessible and allow more sophisticated designs

Gerry Sell mentioned that those living in 55417 consistently receive late newsletters.

#### Community & Safety-Kim McCoy

Important meeting on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at McRae 6:30-8:00pm. Annual Neighborhood Policing Planning Meeting with Minneapolis PD.

#### Education-Tom Arneson

School board candidate forum held on Oct.19 was a success with ~30-40 people attending. Thanks to Gerry Sell for effort in organizing. Coordinator at HPDL interested in future collaborations. Last candidate forum will be Oct.28 at 7pm at Kenwood Park

### Greening-Ted Moe

Brought projector to use during board meeting and will do so each month; no need to print everything out, just read beforehand. Committee has a verbal agreement with Crisis Nursery for a lease for the community garden space, just waiting on written version. Have asked for a 5 year lease for free and will likely have usage fees to help cover costs of water, etc. Will put together a budget for start up and yearly costs for the garden and have ready by next board meeting. Committee agreed to help implement Watershed Grant activities, if approved.

### Housing-Shannon Guernsey

(Under action items on agenda) Will let CEE know revised home loan program guidelines were passed and request changes be made.

### Parks-Kirk Frauenheim

Kitchen at McCrae is complete. Major appliances have been installed. Grand Opening will be Dec. 11 from 1-3pm, all are encouraged to attend. At November committee meeting, Kirk hopes to begin planning major projects (parade) as well as wrap up loose ends of others.

### N. Northrop-Jeri Elsner

Oct.30 will be next Progressive Dinner meeting

### Action Items

Motion by Shannon that a letter on behalf of FRNNG board be sent in support of Ken and Norms Liquor being able to sell alcohol in quantities < 1 pint. Second, Sandra. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom to approve Housing Committee's revised guidelines for Home Improvement Loan Program. Second, Kim. Opposed, Sandra and Kirk F. Motion carried.

### Consent Agenda

Acceptance of September Financial Report

Acceptance of September Board meeting minutes

Motion to accept, Sandra. Second, Jeri. All in favor. Motion carried.

### New Business

Motion by Shannon to purchase Microsoft Office Suite for laptop not to exceed \$500. Second, Jeri. All in favor. Motion carried; Karen will purchase.

Motion to adjourn. Second, Wade.