

FRNNG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 LNPC
1620 East 46th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407
6:pm - 8:pm

Present: Fransesco Marraffa, Daniel Rauchmann, Michele Johnson, Rev. Daniel McKizzie, Steve Date, Anne McKizzie, Audrie Brooks, Laura Dale, Debrahoh Spiesz

Absent: DeVante Johnson , Jonathan Heide, Nate Lansing, Kate Nyquist, Eric Blair, Joel Sass

Staff Present: Stearline Rucker

Guest Present: Robert Thompson FRNNG Accountant, Ward 11 Councilperson Emily Koski

President Marraffa opened the meeting with **Ward 11 councilperson Emily Koski**. Councilperson Koski stated that Senior Housing will be her top priority for 2022 along with emergency shelter. Councilperson Koski will be meeting with FRNNG 3rd precinct inspector Gonozals within the next two weeks.

Councilperson Koski stated that she will be meeting with Youths on 3/13.2022, Senior Citizens on 2/8/2022, and renters with their owners some time in the near future. Staff will email Councilperson Koski names, emails and contact numbers of renter owners in FRNNG community.

President Marraffa asked Councilperson Koski if there is any update regarding the partnership of Community with the developer of St. Joseph Homes for Children. No update at this time, will work toward information at the FRNNG February, 2022 meeting.

The approval of the November, 2021 minutes and financial report by Vice President Rauchamann, second by Secretary Michele Johnson, motion pass.

The 2022 budget for FRNNG was presented by **FRNNG Accountant Robert Thompson**. Motion and recommendation from Housing Committee Chair Daniel McKizzie to move \$76,631.58 from Housing program income under NRP to the FRNNG Operation budget to balance the 2022 budget. The motion was second by Daniel Rauchmann, **motion pass**.

President reported that all requests from NCR have been emailed for the 2022 funding income. The **May 7, 2022 Duck Race** permit has been issued by Minneapolis Park Board. The cost of the permit is **\$500.00**. The Duck Race will be on **Cinco De Mayo weekend celebration**.

Staff reported that the \$1.00 Campaign fundraiser preliminary results to date is **\$9,000.00** **For the 2021 campaign**. The **goal was \$4,000.00**, we have a double goal and more.

A **\$100.00 gift card** was given to FRNNG from the **Creekside Supper Club** to support a **Stamp Event Contest** in FRNNG community. Submission of the online Newsletter to National Neighborhood Association has been completed.

FRNNG is entering the contest for any top prizes featuring the best online newsletter. Staff attended the grand opening of Creekside Supper Club representing FRNNG board of Directors.

Committees reports open with **Business Chair Steve Date**: this committee is working with the Communication team in putting together an online Business directory for our website. **Chair Date stated that the Communication contractor is performing a great job for FRNNG organization.**

Communication Chair Audrie Brooks reported that all board members should visit our website to review all new features of the Close To Home newsletter. The newsletter now has the ability to turn the pages and that when the print copy of the newsletter arrives at residents home you will be able to go online and read the exact same document.

Joel Sass, Greening Co- Chair, submitted a report that his committee will be gathering three bids for a fence for the community garden. Greening will develop an application form, rules and watering instructions for the community garden.

A Little Library will be installed in the spring 2022 when the ground has unfrozen. Greening will be meeting with a MNDOT representative regarding replacing any trees and shrubs along the 2nd Avenue frontage wall road.

Education Chair Devante Johnson submitted his written report that he is asking his committee for a Co- Chair and the person (due to heavy workload) will represent the committee at the next FRNNG board meeting.

In addition, Education Committee members will participate with **Hale/Field School regarding the Pairing Project**. More yard signs are available at the office if anyone wants one for the pairing project..

Housing Chair Daniel McKizzie reported that staff met with his committee along with Center For Energy and Environment (CEE) in December, 2021 to review their role with FRNNG. CEE reported that Stacey Sorenson from the City of Minneapolis Finance Department will have totals of Program Income Dollars which FRNNG has earned throughout the years.

The Housing Committee did meet with St. Paul Church on 4th Avenue South regarding the property that the church owns for development. At this time the church reported that they do not want to sell nor lease the land. The Housing committee will continue to seek out any available property for both senior housing and affordable housing in our neighborhood.

Under New Business VP Rauchamann reported that he would like for all FRNNG board members to sign up to join the planning committee for the Duck Race. Rauchamnn will present at the next board meeting the list of duties and responsibilities **for the Duck Race on February 16, 2022.**

Staff asked if anyone knew of any residents that were **100 years old**, CTH and some of our businesses would like to have a luncheon for them. The event will be scheduled for **last week in April,2022.**

Business Chair Steve Date asked how the process was followed for hiring the new contractor for Communication:.

The Following vetting of the positions of both Communication Coordinator and College Intern :

July 21, 2021 Copy of the job descriptions for coordinator and college Intern was emailed to all current board members to edit at that time. FRNNG board of directors members were Fransesco Marraffa, Ann Cazaban, Kenna Sherman, Deborah Spiesz, Laura Dale, Nate Lansing, Michelle Johnson, Charles Rodgers, Albertha Knight, Heather Suage, Jack Weatherman, FRNNG accountant Robert Thompson and NCR Aycra Myers.

August 18, 2021 The positions for Communication Coordinator and College Intern were approved.

October 1, 2021 The Positions were posted as follows: **Indeed** is an American Worldwide employment website for job listing, **Barefoot Student** is a national college and University hiring organization that post all job positions for every college and university in the United States of America, along with **Minnesota Non-profit Organization**, a Minnesota based nonprofit that list job opportunity throughout the state of Minnesota.. Both positions were posted. AdS ran for a month. Supporting documents on file at FRNNG Office.

October 22, 2021 Staff received 11 inquiries about the position. Staff vetted all inquiries per Indeed.

November 01,2021 Staff made the decision to hire the Contractor Communication Coordinator for CTH newsletter, social media and website.

November 05, 2021 Staff made an offer to Communication Coordinator

November 06, 2021 Was the start date for Communication Coordinator.

November 11,2021 Staff introduced the hirer to president and Vice President for the Communication Coordinator position.

Staff are still waiting on applications for student interns. Staff will update the Board of Directors when applications come in for the Student Intern position.

Minutes Taken By;

Michelle Johnson

FRNNG Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2022 Board Meeting was cancelled due to no quorum— Reschedule for February 22, 2022 ZOOM Emergency Meeting Regarding FRNNG By-Laws

Present: Steve Date, Steve Gallagher, Daniel Rauchman, Pastor Daniel McKizzie, Laura Dale, Nate Lansing, Debraa Spieze, Michele Johnson, Audrie Brooks.

Staff/Contractor Present: Stearline Rucker
Robert Thompson

Vice president Rauchman opened the board meeting with the discussion of By - Laws. The following items were discussed and voted into the By-Laws:

3.7 Term of Office. Directors will be elected for a term of two years. No Director will serve more than three full consecutive terms in the same capacity. (Added 2/21/22) Once a director serves six years on the board, the director must come off board for a period of two years before they can run for any position on the board.

Article 4 Section 4.1 Annual Meeting. (Added 2/21/22) The organization must include a financial report at the annual meeting.

Article 5. The deletion of a Second Vice President was taken out of By - Laws.

Article 7. The new language (1) representative from Regina ,(1) representative from Northrop Neighborhood (Northrop neighborhood currently has two representatives, the two representatives will alternate being members of the Executive Committee every two year term of a board election). The Executive Committee will always make recommendations and bring all recommendations to the full board to be voted on.

All board members present at the ZOOM meeting agreed to review the markup version of the bylaws before Vice President Rauchman emailed the final copy to Steve Gallagher for approval.

Motion passed to accept all Bylaws changes by members present on the ZOOM call.

No other business was discussed on the ZOOM Emergency meeting.