

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
SWNI Board Regular Meeting
March 1, 2011
Minutes

Attendance:

Brian Russell (President), Ken Love (1st Vice President), Tom Schaper (Treasurer), Lee Buhler (Secretary), Dorothy Gage (Ashcreek), Kathy Bambeck (Bridlemile), Janet Hawkins (Hayhurst), Leanne Hartman (Maplewood), Lynda Troutman (Marshall Park), Rob Gardner (Multnomah), Sam Pierson (South Burlingame), Jim Gardner (South Portland), Jim McLaughlin (West Portland Park), John Gibbon (Land Use Committee Chair), Kirky Doblle (Parks & Community Center Committee Chair), Don Baack (Trails Committee Chair), Marianne Fitzgerald (Transportation Committee Chair), Sharon Keast (Communications Committee Chair)

Staff: Sylvia Bogert

Guests: Lana Rae Mathews, Kathy Ghorbani, Erin Treyer, Christine Brown, Richelle Reid

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

After introductions Brian moved the meeting into executive session. (See March 1, SWNI Board Executive Session minutes.) Brian brought the meeting back out of executive session at 8:40pm

Marianne made a motion to accept last month's regular session minutes. Ken seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Brian said he has appointed Lynda Troutman, Sharon Keast, Fran Laird to the Nominating Committee and they have agreed. He asked if there were any objections and there were none.

Brian said he appointed John Gould, Jim McLaughlin, Leanne Hartman and Susan Egnor to the Bylaw Committee.

Sylvia said we will need to reschedule the board retreat as the room we were hoping to get is not available. Also, she found an attorney who is an expert on non-profit rules who would be willing to make a presentation and answer questions. Sylvia said she would charge \$200. Jim M. said he did not think it was worth it as she does not know the specifics of our situation. Don said it was important to have an objective view of our situation. Marianne said it would be good to have other eyes on our situation and Leanne said it was important to be well organized with our questions.

Don made a motion to have the attorney at our board retreat. Ken seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jim G. said we should have our discussion first at the board retreat so we are more prepared for the attorney. Sylvia said the attorney would focus on the Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policy. Tom said we should know what we will get in the one hour and he thought it was good to have other eyes looking at us.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: Ken Love, Lee Buhler, Kathy Bambeck, Janet Hawkins, Lynda Troutman, Rob Gardner, Sam Pierson, Jim Gardner (South Portland), John Gibbon, Kirky Doblief, Don Baack, Marianne Fitzgerald

Nay: Jim McLaughlin, Leanne Hartman, Dorothy Gage

Abstain: Sharon Keast, Tom Schaper

Brian asked about a good date to reschedule the retreat. He asked for a show of hands and most people preferred Saturday, March 26th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Sylvia said the West Multnomah Soil Conservation District has agreed to fund Eric's position for an additional \$3K which would be about another 200 hours.

Lana Rae Mathews from OHSU introduced some nursing students who have been working on some projects in southwest Portland.

Christine and Rachelle have been working with older adults in southwest. They have been looking for gaps in services. They found medication management is very complicated for older adults and is a big need. For example, fifty-four percent are receiving medications from more than one prescriber which can lead to complications. They have interviewed older adults at Neighborhood House and they found all were taking over five medications per day. Most had run out of their medications. They found the smaller pharmacies have more flexibility. Mostly they did not run out of medications because of lack of money. Rather, it was logistics problems such as transportation to get medications. They said it was important to work with the two local pharmacies: Hillsdale and Stroheckers. Expired medications are also a problem.

Kathy and Erin have been working with low income families. They said there are many kids in southwest that are eligible for free lunches. They have been looking into dental health. Only 10 out of 130 parents said their kids have cavities and they found exactly 58% of the children fewer than five have had cavities and 21 percent quality for severe dental decay. They are creating a program to help the kids with dental care and it seems to be working. They said many families do not believe in preventative dental care. Don asked if they have looked into local dentists to help. Erin said they have one and would like to get more. Kathy pointed out that five year olds would soon loose their teeth. Erin said yes but if they fall out prematurely they hold the place for permanent teeth. Also the dental caries could go systemic and create severe health problems.

Jim M. asked Sylvia to report on the period in which SWNI was dissolved by the Oregon Corporation Division in 2008. Sylvia said SWNI was temporarily dissolved for two months in 2008 because the bill was not paid. The corporation was reinstated after the bill was paid. Sylvia said she would get more details to the board.

Adjourned 9:07

Respectfully Submitted
Lee Buhler