

Oakdale Neighbors Board Meeting Minutes - 11-23-2009

1. Present: Board: Elaine Dreyer, Joan Huyser-Honig, Martie Jager, Ernie Leep, Walter Mathis, Wayne Squires, Dan Vredeveld. Absent: Board: Vicki Steenbergen.
2. Prayer: Wayne opened our meeting with devotions of reading from Divine Comedy- Van Gogh's quotes, and led in prayer.
3. Motion made by Walter, seconded by Martie, and passed, to approve the Minutes as written of the 09-28-2009 Bd Mtg. (online)
4. Progress Report was approved as written. (online)
5. Update on Immediate Projects or Plans: - see below.
6. Financial Reports were approved as written: a. Balance Sheet, b. Checks to Staff/Board, c. Profit and Loss Statement: i. Revenue status, ii Expenses status.
7. New Business:
 - a. Elect new secretary:

Motion made by Ernie, seconded by Dan and passed, w abstention by Martie, for Martie to continue as Secretary of Bd.
 - b. Approve Policy Manual: (sent online): work is in process: Bd members who have been on Bd for many years are in need of getting information to Tom of when they started on the Bd.

-Motion made by Dan, seconded by Walter, and passed to accept the document as is, with the understanding that document blank areas will be filled in, time and need permitting, especially diversity framework. Question arose if Vicki desires to continue on the Bd. Wayne will check with her.
 - c. Introduce Board Retreat Proposal:

Motion made, seconded by Walter, and passed, for a Bd Retreat, possibly by an extended meeting, or longer meeting, possibly in May. Goal: team building and assessing the past year, brainstorming and looking ahead to do planning for what needs to be done.
 - d. Introduce Neighborhood Walking Proposal:

Motion made by Dan, seconded by Ernie, and passed, to do, as weather permits, meet at ON, walk through and talk with neighbors, come back for prayer, with goal of increasing awareness.

-Concepts of Christian Community Development are also to be introduced and discussed at Bd meetings.

- e. Update on MNA "Recover Michigan" Participation: Michigan Non Profit, MNA: (online) invited faith-based participation: phase 1: training opportunities, 2. assess selves with tools, and review with a consultant, 3. identify with consultant to address projects, 4. make money available to address the differences.
- f. Review and Approve the Organizational Assessment Tool for Phase 2 Participation: (online)

Motion made by Dan, seconded by Joan, and passed, to approve our ON participation, using the organization assessment, move from phase 1 to 2, (we have \$200-400 in an account to use for training),: participate in Recover Michigan, use this assessment (which was completed by Tom) for this, with 1-2 Bd members to work with Tom to complete and meet with consultant. Walter, Martie, agreed to work with Tom and Wayne on this.

Board agreed that in the Assessment Tool, our ON Bd priorities should be: communication, fund raising, volunteer engagement, and diversity.

Note: Tom and Larrine did do Neighborhood Training last year, 2nd Saturday of Dec, Jan, and Feb, and three more, invited Block leaders, with periodic luncheons, and Wayne led discussion on neighboring being a presence.

- 8. Next Meeting; Wednesday, 01-20-2010 (changed to 01-11-2010), 7 PM, at Volunteers In Service Offices.
- 9. Prayer: Walter closed our meeting in prayer.

After the meeting, Wayne led us in prayer for personal issues in the lives of Bd Members.