

October 3, 2001 Board Meeting

Present: Dennis S., Karen V., Cynthia S., Tom U., Jim P., Dean K., Karl K., Sue D., Mary Ann P.

Absent: Dan M.

Guest: Carole McGuire, Steve F., PTO President.

- **Minutes:** Approved with a correction, domain name is elvehjemneighborhood.org, not ".com".
- Treasurer's Report: Approved.
- <
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Mary Ann said half of all block captains have reported. Hope to have all by end of October.
- **DIRECTORY:** She would like to hear input on the preferred size of the next directory.
- **CAROLE McGUIRE, county rep:** Handed out petition for improvement of bridges on Cottage Grove Road and Buckeye. Also spoke about the future joint athletic stadium with East and LaFollette, and possible traffic issues. Also encouraged everyone to visit our newly refurbished YMCA. Noted city of Monona plans a major Monona Drive reconstruction.
- **BLOCK CAPTAINS PARTY:** Very low response to Block Captain Captain invite for party on October 11. Party will go on at Mary Ann's house, board members will bring desserts.
- **MAILBAG:** Safe Communities Coalition, who provided us with the large cling grant, asked that we join. We will consider joining in the spring, because we received the letter so late in the membership year for this organization.
- **ATWOOD FOOD PANTRY:** Board did consider giving money to this pantry for their annual turkey dinner drive. Board passed a motion to have the Sweetheart Dance combined with a non-perishable food drive on February 22, 2002. Motion made, seconded, and carried to give \$50 to the Atwood Food Pantry, since local charities are suffering due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001.
- **HOLIDAY PARTY:** Karl is coordinating. Mary Jo will arrange children's surprises. We will be following the same format as last year, which was inexpensive and quite successful! Messiah Lutheran Church is reserved for December 11, 2001. Motion passed for Mary Jo to buy approximately 70 items for around \$3 each to hand out to neighborhood kids attending the festivities.
- **LVM Parent/Teacher Organization:** Steve Foy sought the commitment of the association to back the PTO when they approach the city regarding traffic congestion and lack of safety considerations for children around Elvehjem Elementary. (Editor's note: Parents, please observe prudent speed limits after dropping off your children. Remember other children are in the area and deserve your concern!)
- **HOLIDAY LIGHTS/DECORATING CONTEST:** Board approved another contest this year, since last year was so much fun. Let's see more contestants this year. Board hopes to find a talented neighbor to contribute a prize again this year! Sue Dow will coordinate.
- **SWEETHEART DANCE:** To be held 2/22/02 (Friday, Feb. 22, 2002) at the Elvehjem Elementary School from 7-11 p.m. Children under 14 **MUST** have a parent with them. Do not drop off your children and leave. Motion passed to charge \$2 per person, children 13 and under get in free. This will be a food drive, please think about bringing a non-perishable food item.
- **WEB STUFF:** The Elvehjem Neighborhood was one of only a few invited to a roundtable discussion hosted by Madison Newspapers. Discussion focused on a new service MNI hopes to bring to neighborhoods and communities. Dean K. attended the meeting. Madison Newspapers is willing to allow the neighborhood to have its own web page on the Madison Newspapers server for free. Message boards, spots for photos, etc. would be included. MNI staff would ensure conversations posted on the potential site are appropriate. Also, Echo articles could be posted there and archived for viewing. Our domain name could point to the web site put together by MNI. Dean and Michele will call a meeting of the web committee soon.
- **RESIGNATION RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED:** Mary Jo B. resigned after over three years of excellent service. She will still be active as a volunteer.
- **Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m. Next meeting Nov. 7 at Dennis S.'s house.**

Nov 7, 2001 Board Meeting

Note: MS&C means moved, seconded and carried.

Board Members Present: Dean K., Karl K., Sue D., Karen V., Cynthia S., Jim P.

Also present: Mary Ann P.

- Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report approved.
- MS&C: Jim will move \$2000.00 into a 14 month CD account.
- Sue D. was elected to be the new board vice president to replace Mary Jo B.
- **Membership Drive:** 573 members have joined or renewed membership so far this drive. Not all block captains have reported. 586 members renewed or joined in the last drive. Mary Ann apologized for a later than usual membership drive. She plans to remain as membership chair and start the drive at the usual time or earlier next year. The board gave input on the next membership directory. Number of advertisements, size of font, size of paper were discussed. MS&C to follow plan with directory as outlined by Cynthia. This plan includes: a larger font than the last directory, 5 to seven advertisements in the front and back of the directory and more. Cynthia will investigate printing costs and options. The board will reschedule the block captain party in early May as a kick-off for next year's membership drive. Will try to have the party at a park shelter. Membership drive could conclude on 4th of July Fun Day event. The board will start to plan block captain party in February.
- **Eastside Neighborhood Planning Council:** Would like a representative from LVM neighborhood. The purpose of the council is to have a stronger voice for east side Madison interests through numbers of people. MS&C Jody M. will be the representative from LVM. The board listed issues of concern for LVM, including a youth center, traffic, police coverage etc.
- **Holiday Party:** MS&C to pay \$75 to the pianist who performs this year (probably Jan M.). MS&C to pay \$75 to Jan M. for performing as pianist last year.
Will be the same format as last year. A special article will have to be in the November Echo because it will be that last Echo seen by the neighborhood before the party.
The Holiday Party will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, 5202 Cottage Grove Road at 7:00 pm on December 11! Families attending are invited to bring a plate of cookies. Santa will be there with presents. Punch will be provided. Sing along and have fun!!
This year's Santa contact, Dennis S., confirms that gifts will be available for children who visit Santa.
- **Internet site:** Dean reported on the meeting he and Michele threw to plan a new neighborhood web site. The web site will contain information from the Echo. The board agreed that the site may include first name, last name and e-mail address of board members. The information from the Echo will include articles, minutes, elected representative journals. The members corner and sponsor advertisement will not be included. A link to the Echo sponsor web page will be provided.
- **Holiday Decorating Contest:** Jim S. will donate a first place prize again this year. There will be one winner and one honorable mention who will be announced in the Echo.
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next board meeting will be on December 5.**

Dec 03, 2001 Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Karen V., Dan M., Dennis S., Karl K., Jim P., Sue D.

Also present: Mary Ann P., Michele M.

- Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report approved.
- **Membership Drive:** Mostly complete. Mary Ann will write blurb for Echo for the people who might not have been contacted by block captains on specific streets. The total number of members will be greater than the previous year. Jim gave report on membership directory research. It might not be as expensive as anticipated.
- **January Board meeting:** Will be held on the second Wednesday in January (1/9/02) instead of the first Wednesday (1/2) at Dan M.'s house.
- **Holiday Sing-a-long:** People needed to help clean up afterwards. Will ask that youngest children visit Santa first. Santa will try to arrive at 7:15. Most logistics are taken care of.
- **Santa visits:** Santa visits will take place on December 20. Call Dennis S. at 221-3865 to set up an appointment to have Santa visit your children on that day.
- **Eastside Neighborhood Coalition:** Jody M., Cynthia and Karen plan to attend the first meeting of the coalition on Thursday, January 6.
- **Letter from neighbor:** Karen passed out copy of a letter sent to State Rep. Mark Miller from LVM resident criticizing Miller's column in November Echo.
- **Board action on unkempt property:** A neighborhood resident asked if the board can officially do something about a neighbor who poorly maintains their property. The board decided that though they understand the resident's frustration, it is not the board's role to take action. The resident is encouraged to call the building commission.
- **New web site:** Michele reported that a new web site will be up and running within the next month. It will no longer use the Yahoo service. At first, the web space provider will be a service that she uses. Eventually, she hopes that Madison Newspapers will be the web space provider.
- **Annual meeting:** Karen brought up the possibility of having the neighborhood annual meeting on an afternoon. That way, more neighborhood senior citizens would be willing to attend. The board discussed its willingness to have both a senior citizen and a neighborhood teen on the board so that the association can better represent both age group interests.
- **Sweetheart dance:** Dennis reported that \$710.00 in prizes has been accumulated for the dance.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next board meeting will be on January 9 at Dan M.'s house.**