

ENA Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2004

Board Members Present: Karl, Dean, Jim, Tom, Jeanne, Cynthia, Andy, Dennis and Brier

December Minutes were approved.

December Treasurer's report was approved.

Neighborhood Artist Deborah S asked the board for a letter of support for an Art Grant called "Blink". She is hoping to make a collection of Bugs that would appear throughout the East Side during the summer months. The board agreed to support the project and Dean agreed to draft the letter of support.

Andy Kraiss, County Supervisor Candidate, 16th District, which includes the LVM neighborhood, talked briefly with board members. For more information contact Andy Kraiss at 222-1209 or by e-mail at andrewk@merr.com

Pre-primary Forum: The board voted in favor (Andy abstained from the vote) of throwing a Pre-primary County Supervisor Forum. We agreed to spend approximately \$100 on announcements and absorb the cost of room rental if needed. Tentative date is Feb 11th. Contact a Board Member more details.

DeJope Casino Forum: We voted to support a forum regarding the DeJope Casino if another neighborhood would join us. We agreed to split costs with other organizations and spend approximately \$100 on announcements. Please contact a Board Member for more about this.

Annual Meeting: We will meet March 6th at the new Dean East Clinic at 10:00 AM. The board is looking to fill 3 board positions and 2 membership positions. If you are interested or have any questions please contact a Board Member.

Sweet Heart Dance will be Feb 27th, at 7 PM at Elvehjem School. We currently have \$700 worth of prizes.

NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2004 at Cynthia's home, 1041 Painted Post. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier.

ENA Annual Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2004

Board Members Attending: Karl K, Cynthia S, Dean K, Brier N, Jeanne R, Jim P, Dennis S, Andy K, Tom P

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the 2003 annual meeting were approved.

Treasure's Report: The 2003 annual and March 2004 reports were approved.

State of the Association: President Karl highlighted ENA activities during the past year, including:

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Third Neighborhood Sign: We are waiting until Spring/Summer to have the new sign installed. Once installed, a local Girl Scout troop has asked to landscape the area.

Garlic Mustard: Twice this past spring, Karl and volunteers, including a Brownie Troop, pulled Garlic Mustard from the Elvehjem Sanctuary. There is still a lot of work to be done in the area. Tammy, from the "Weed Warriors", pointed out how fast Garlic Mustard spreads and will soon spread to yards of those living along the Sanctuary. Garlic Mustard is reducing the bio-diversity of the area. Garlic Mustard can not be composted; it needs to be picked up by the City Parks Department. On April 24th, from 9:00 to 12 noon, volunteers will again pull Garlic Mustard—please help in this effort to keep the Elvehjem Sanctuary a fun and bio-diverse place.

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Madison Police Department: Lieutenant Snyder discussed the plan to build a new East District Police Station at the corner of Cottage Grove and S. Thompson (currently a dead end).

New Board Members & Officers: Dennis S decided not to seek re-election. Rudy L, Cynthia S, and Dean K were all nominated to the ENA Board and approved unanimously. Cynthia S will serve as President; Dean K will serve as Vice President; Jeanne R will serve as Treasurer and Brier N will remain Secretary. Your new Board is Cynthia S, Dean K, Jeanne R, Brier N, Tom P, Jim P, Andrew K, Karl K, and Rudy L. There remain vacant seats on the Board; if you are interested, please contact a Board member.

Thank You!! A Thank You to everyone who attended our meeting, including City Alderperson Judy Compton, County Board candidates Dave de Felice and Andrew Kraiss, incumbent/candidate Judge Koval and Madison School Board candidate Johnny Winston Jr.

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NEXT MEETING: April 7, 7:00 PM, at Dean K's home. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.

ENA Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2004

Board Members Present: Dean, Jeanne, Karl, Jim, Tom, Brier, and Andy. Also sitting in was Heather regarding Membership info.

March Minutes and **April Treasurer's Report** were approved.

Voted in New Members: The board voted in 2 new members—Sue R and Bill G. Welcome!!!!

We now have a complete Board with 11 members. The Board will continue to follow up with those possibly interested in helping out with board functions.

Future Board Meetings Locations:

May—Andy	September—Sue	January—To Be Decided
June—Brier	October—Tom	February—Jim
July—July 4th Festival	November—Bill	March—Annual Meeting
August—Karl	December—Jeanne	

Directory 2004: Karl, Dean, Michelle and Heather will continue to work on the directory. The Board agreed to change the print's font size to something larger, list the website address, and possible added contact names. The goal is to begin distribution in mid-May.

Membership: Kathy W has agreed to stay on as a drive manager a bit longer until all loose ends are tied up. Our new Board member, Sue, has agreed to help out in the area of Membership Manager.

Membership Drive: The Board approved changes in the membership drive. In the past, the drive began in May and ended in August. This year we are going to kick it off at the July 4th Festival and then begin door-to-door from August 1st to Labor Day. This will be a 5 week push. Anyone interested in becoming a member may still do so at anytime.

Membership Liaison: The Board also decided to have open-ended signup for membership at each of the ENA sponsored events. New Board member, Bill, has agreed to arrange for someone to collect the new-member form and money. The Liaison would then give everything to Heather and Heather will update all data and get the money to the Treasurer.

Block Captain Luncheon: A date will be set later.

Kite Flying Day: This event had not been held in a while and the Board thought it would be a great thing to bring back. This event was held on March 27 and we're looking into possible improvements for next Spring.

Sweet Heart Dance: The dance for 2004 went very well; all children had a great time and many prizes were handed out. The Board is looking into a date for next year's event.

Forums: These past few months have been very busy for the Board. We co-sponsored a variety of forums: January 28th Casino/Pay Day Loans; February 11th County Supervisors Pre-primary; March 24th County Supervisor Primary.

Cost to the Association was \$25.00 to participate in the cost of room rental. The Board felt it was important for the neighborhood and those surrounding us to participate. This type of event is something the Board will consider doing again.

Neighborhood Sign: *YEAH!!!* The final sign has been installed on Buckeye. Renee W's Girl Scout Troop has agreed to do landscaping for the new sign.

Echo Distribution: The Board is looking into ways that would benefit everyone in regard to getting the Echo.

NEXT MEETING: May 5, at 7:00 PM, at Andy K's home. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.

ENA Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2004

Board Members Present: Brier, Karl, Cynthia, Dean, Bill, Sue, Tom, Andy, Jim and Rudy

April Minutes and **May Treasurer's Report** were approved.

People in the Loop: The board discussed how to keep Board Members in the loop who do not have access to the Internet. Each Board member will take the time to give key information to those without Internet access.

Meeting Locations: The Board completed its meeting schedule. This completes the list given in the April Echo.

May—Andy	November—Bill
June—Brier	December—Jeanne
July—July 4th Festival	January 2005—Cynthia
August—Karl	February 2005—Jim
September—Sue	March 2005—Rudy
October—Tom	2005 Annual Meeting— To be determined.

Bulletin Board: The Board approved eligibility rules regarding access to the ENA Bulletin Board

ENA Website: Over the next few months, the ENA website will be undergoing some changes. Most changes will be behind the scenes. Updates include: LVM residents will be able to change or update information, remove e-mail addresses from blind-copy e-mail and addition of a calendar.

The Board will use a new program to keep records of what has been accomplished at each event and suggestions about how to better the event. This program is known as "WIKI".

ECHO Delivery: The Board is looking into ways to best serve the neighborhood in distributing the ECHO each month. We are finding some inaccuracies with time and delivery throughout the neighborhood. The Board is looking for the most economical way to achieve consistent service. One thought is to look into mailing each issue; this becomes a cost factor and the Board is researching this aspect. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting as more information becomes available to us.

Membership Drive: This year's drive will be August 1st—September 1st. Sue R. will be the Membership Drive Manager. She has obtained needed information from Kathy W, who has done a fantastic job for the ENA for many years. Kick off will occur at the annual July 4th activity.

2004 Directories: Directories should be arriving in late MAY. Jim will pick up the directories and distribute them to the District Coordinators. Those receiving directories will have the early option of paying for their 2004/05 Memberships. Cynthia will e-mail District Coordinators with all the information they will need.

The Board also feels a minimum of 900 directories should be ordered.

July 4th Celebration: The Board approved a deposit to Smoky Jon's for \$100. Cynthia will get the Parade Permit; Karl will get a Food/Shelter Permit; Andy will look into renting games and staffing; and Brier will contact A-to-Z Rental for tables, chairs, tents, food warmers, etc. The spreadsheet will be heavily discussed at the next board meeting.

Garage Sale 2004: We will hold our neighborhood garage sale August 20 & 21. Sign up will end August 15th. Rudy will be making calls to contact those interested in helping out with the event.

2005 Sweetheart Dance DJ: The Board approved payment of a \$50.00 deposit for next year's Sweetheart Dance DJ.

NEXT MEETING: June 2, at 7:00 PM, at Brier N's home. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.

ENA Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2004

Board Members Present: Cynthia, Karl, Dean, Bill, Jim, Brier, Sue, Leanne, Heather, Tom and Rudy

May Minutes and **May Treasurer's Report** were approved.

Membership Drive: Because District 10 is still in need of Block Captains the board will be helping out in that district. Bill will have a flier at the July 4th event regarding membership. Sue is still looking into a "Thank You" gathering in September.

Directory Delivery: Jim is finishing up delivering Directories to the coordinator. Be on the look out for you new Directory soon.

Garage Sale: Friday August 20 and Saturday August 21

Signup deadline was changed to SATURDAY AUGUST 14th.

MaryJo will again head up the sale by receiving sign-up forms, mark locations on maps and place ADS in the Capital Times and State Journal. Rudy will be helping out with distribution. Someone from the Board will place Garage Sale Banners in the neighborhood earlier that week.

Articles in Echo: Look for upcoming articles from our County Supervisor and City Alder. We will have a rotating monthly schedule.

ENA Website: Our website has many new features and updated information. Check it out and see what is going on in the neighborhood. There is now a calendar feature to check out.

Echo Delivery: Dean dispersed a handout with new information. The board put the discussion on hold due to time constraints. This topic will be picked up at the August meeting.

July 4th Celebration: The bulk of our meeting was discussing July 4th. Our decisions were these:

Parade Line-Up: at Elvehjem School at 11:45 am

Parade Start: NOON

Arrive at shelter approximately 12:15 pm. Food will not be served until that time.

Food prices will be:

\$6.00 BBQ beef Meal

\$3.00 Hot Dog Meal

Rudy will pick up hot dogs, buns, freezer bags, cookies, ketchup and mustard.

Bill will pick up soda and water.

Tom will be in charge of ice.

Brier will bring chips.

Jim will pick BBQ meals from Smoky Jon's.

Everyone will help with early preparations.

The July 4th event could still use a few more volunteers to help out in several areas (handing out soda, plates, selling tickets). If neighbors are interested, please contact any board member. Your help is greatly appreciated and makes this event possible each year.

NEXT MEETING: Elvehjem Park Shelter, July 3, at 6:30 PM. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier Nelson.

ENA Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2004

Note: This meeting was a “working meeting” to prepare for the July 4th celebration.

June Minutes and **June Treasurer’s Report** were approved.

NEXT MEETING: At Karl K’s, August 4, at 7:00 PM. All ENA neighbors are welcome.

ENA Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2004

Board Members Present: Sue R, Cynthia S, Karl K, Jeanne R, Tom P, Andy K, Jim P, Dean K, and Brier N. Echo Editor Steve D sat in.

August Minutes: Approved.

August Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Bank: Treasurer Rotter informed the Board of additional fees now charged by our financial institution. The Board gave approval to Jeanne to investigate banking alternatives and switch institutions based on her appraisal of fees and availability.

Echo Newsletter Advertising Policies: The Board approved, beginning in November, the addition of due dates on Echo Sponsor invoices saying "Due upon 30 days".

The Board's plan is to have the November Echo be the first issue that is mailed to residents via US mail instead of being hand delivered.

The Board discussed new rate figures and sizes for advertising to help offset the cost for mailing the Echo. This will also permit inclusion of several advertisers who, to date, we have had to refuse. A subcommittee of Tom P, Dean K and Steve D will meet before the next meeting to discuss proposals.

The Board is developing an advertising policies sheet that can be given to current and potential advertisers. A statement such as "The ENA Board's advertising subcommittee retains sole discretion to edit and reject ads that are offensive, or inappropriate for the intended audience of Elvehjem residents" will appear in the newsletter.

Saturday Afternoon Live with LVM: The concert is still planned at Acewood park on Saturday, September 18 from 12-1:30 PM. If it rains, the concert will be cancelled and no rain date planned. If attending, please remember there are no restroom facilities at the park.

Next Agenda: Next meeting board will discuss Holiday Sing-Along, Holiday Light contest, and Sweetheart Dance

Next Meeting: October 6, at 7:00 PM at Tom's home, 1517 Wendy Lane. All ENA neighbors, as always, are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.

ENA Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2004

Board Members Present: Sue R, Cynthia S, Karl K, Jeanne R, Tom P, Andy K, Jim P, Dean K, Bill G, Rudy L, and Brier N. Heather also attended to update the Board on membership.

September Minutes: Approved.

September Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Echo: The mailed version of the Echo will start in November. There will be more space available; the Echo could run from 4-8 pages, depending on what needs to be printed.

Membership: Heather informed the board approximately 654 people have signed up for membership, approximately 62 are new. At the time of the meeting some envelopes had not been turned in.

Euchre Tournament: The board is looking into joining with Heritage Heights for their Euchre Tournament, usually held in March. If you have any questions, please contact a Board member. More info will be available as the dates and times are set.

Holiday Sing Along: We are looking into a date for the event, which will be held in early December, with the hope of Santa's availability.

Holiday Lights: The Board will again be sending their elves out to scout for the best decorated and lit up household. This year the Board will also be introducing a new category—"Neighbor's Choice"—this will be available online only through the ENA Bulletin Board.

Up Coming Topics: Holiday Sing Along, Holiday Lights, Sweetheart Dance and Annual Meeting. If you have any interest in helping with any of the upcoming events, please contact and Board member.

Next Meeting: November 3, at 7:00 PM at Bill G's home, 5105 Academy Drive. All ENA neighbors, as always, are welcome.

Minutes By: Brier N.