

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

March 1, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Pinney Library

I. Welcome (6:30-6:45)

- a. Call to order (Dan) Time: 6:32 PM
 - i. Present: Dan, Pete, Kim B, Alice, CJ, Dylan, Kim R, Kristy and guest Amy Baitinger. Absent: Bob, Jacob
- b. Approval of the agenda (All)
 - i. Sign Garden - Amy described the challenges in keeping the sign gardens looking colorful, healthy and vibrant. Good soil, adequate water and the amount of sunlight all play a part in what grows well. She needs help with buying and delivering compost, tilling soil, weeding and donations of annuals when the time comes for planting. Kim R. offered to help her. We'll have an Echo feature with more details.
 - ii. Word on the Street (All)
 - iii. Former JW's building for sale (Jael reached out) Kim R. said he proposed the idea for an east side community center at the site which would be a great addition to the east side. Expect to hear more about this in time.
 - iv. Social outing idea Madison Axe? Dan suggested a board outing to Madison Axe. a gaming center near Pflaum & Stoughton Roads. You book in advance and cost is approx. \$30 per person.

II. Reports (6:45 – 7:15)

- a. Secretary's report (Kim)
 - i. Neighborhood home sales have been slow since Dec. '22, with just 3 sales. The tracking spreadsheet is up to date.
 - ii. Latest on handoff plans? Secretarial handbook?
 1. Kim and Kristy met on Sat. Feb 25. We went over the secretarial tasks and when to transfer duties. Kristy has ENA office supplies, return address labels, envelopes, door-hanging bags, etc.
- b. Treasurer's report (Jacob) - No news.
- c. Echo report (Dan) - It's crunch time! Get your articles to Dan ASAP.
 - i. Advertising (Jacob) - Skipped.
 1. Please confirm status of MSCR and MGNS accounts Skipped.
- d. Extra report (Pete)
 - i. Pete reported another spike in membership with the latest Extra issue.

III. New Business (7:15 – 7:45)

- a. Website Special Meeting Recap (Dan)
 - i. Pete, Kristy, Bob and Dan had a training session on managing ENA's website. They made some updates, but more are needed to get everything up to date.
 - ii. New Shared Drive storage
 1. Board docs have been moved to a "Shared Drive" which allows anyone to edit documents no matter who created the original. Files saved to "Shared with Me" did not have this feature.
 - iii. ENA Helpers / Babysitters Lists

1. Dan shared his idea for a fillable form that would capture helper and babysitter volunteer information and save it to its respective Google Sheets file. It could be a simple process that can be set to generate an email when a new entry is made so we can periodically review the data for outdated info or junk.
- b. 2023 Survey w/ Membership Drive (Pete) - Pete is doing double duty at work and will have less time to devote to the survey. The committee needs to finalize the survey by early April to have it ready for the membership drive. Questions: [\[Who's on the committee? What are the next steps? I \(Kim B.\) volunteer to enter questions with Survey Monkey if we go with that platform.\]](#)
- c. Neighborhood Grant (Pete)
 - i. Did we make the 2/20 deadline? - Pete submitted ENA's grant application. If we don't get approved, he'll have a better idea of how to fine tune the next request.
- d. New Board Member, Andrew? - Good News! Pastor Andrew has agreed to join the ENA Board. Our bylaws permitted us to have up to 11 members, two of which can be non-residents.
- e. Insurance needs (Jacob) - Dan is getting a quote from State Farm.
- f. Welcome Committee plans (Jacob) - Skipped

Commented [1]: I believe we're waiting on @pete@theena.org to send an email follow-up then we'll run from there and see if a committee naturally forms! 🙏

IV. Upcoming Events (7:45-8:15)

- a. Easter Egg Hunt (April 8) - Kim & Alice are working on the prep. So far Kim has contacted the Mallards about Maynard appearing again this year. She also reached out to Courtney Lindl, choir director at LaFollette HS asking for a volunteer to be the Bunny.
- b. Annual Meeting (April 15)- Dan reports State Senator Melissa Agard and State Rep. Samba Baldeh both plan to attend the annual meeting. He expects a good turn-out of local officials.
- c. Membership Drive / Block Captain Training (Apr-May) - Dan will work on getting materials printed. Packet stuffing will be done at the April meeting. He hopes we can get by with less paper again this year.
- d. Earth Day Cleanup (April 22) - Dylan is organizing. In addition to the group clean-up at LVM sanctuary, he's encouraging residents to tidy up walking paths and other public areas they see need attention and send photos to him so we can recognize their efforts.

V. Event Recap (none!) N/A

VI. Adjournment Time: 8:22 PM

Announcements

- The Elvehjem Extra will publish Sunday, March 26th
- The next ENA Board Meeting is **Wednesday, April 5th** from 6:30-8:30 pm at Pinney Library
- The next Echo Newsletter deadline is March 6th for the *Spring* Echo