**ENA Board Meeting Minutes**

June 3rd, 2020 @ 7-9 p.m. at Virtual Meeting in Zoom, due to COVID-19 shutdowns

1. **Welcome, 15 minutes (7:00-7:15) Called to order at 7:07 PM**
   1. Call to order (Charles) Present: Charles, Jared, Jacob, Kim, Dan. Absent: Chris.
   2. Guest – Blaire Adkins, District 16 Dane County Board Supervisor
   3. Catch-up and check in (All)
      1. Charles is having a mix of good and bad this week. Has family visiting. Taking time for self- reflection regarding COVID and escalated racial tensions.
      2. Jared is taking time to think about his role and responsibility given the present state of the country.
      3. Jacob had unexpected plumbing repairs from a water leak that caused a ceiling to collapse. Feels our leaders need to step up and focus on people’s safety.
      4. Kim is feeling scared by the unrest and violence in the city.
      5. Dan is having a busy week. He resoundingly supports the Black Lives Matter message.
   4. Approval of the agenda (All) No changes, approved as presented.
   5. Guest Blaire Adkins introduced herself to the members. She is new to politics and works as a Nurse Practitioner at the VA hospital. Blaire attended UW Madison and resides on the far south east side. She been appointed to the Health and Human Services Needs Committee and the Veterans Service Commission. Dan County Board supervisor. Jared suggested ENA aid in funding the school lunch programs to offset part of the county board budget shortfalls caused by COVID. Many local children depend on daily meals even though there is no school right now.
   6. Word on the Streets (All)
      1. Charles acknowledges our board is not and likely has never been diverse. Suggests adding a rule to the Bylaws to allow a non-owner resident to hold office and make a concerted effort to encourage residents of color to join the board so we get input from all segments of ENA’s population.
      2. Jacob is concerned with confrontational FB posts. Don’t want to be self-policing yet feels ENA should have stronger posting prohibitions especially regarding posts of Ring videos. Doing so could be in violation of Ring’s rules of use. Suggests we amend our rules to prohibit candid photo/video sharing. Agrees our board needs to be more inclusive.
2. **Reports, 15 minutes, (7:15 – 7:30)**
   1. Secretary’s report Kim ordered 50 Welcome cards with our logo from Vistaprint to send to new residents. Kim will reach out to Tim Eberle to donate the 200 fruit snacks from the Egg Hunt to the River Food Pantry. Kim asked what we should do with the ENA stickers. We agreed we can save these for a future event.
      1. Treasurer’s report (Jacob) will have the updated financial report for the annual meeting on Saturday.
   2. Echo report (Dan) See assignments at end of agenda.
   3. Technology report (Jared)
      1. Digital Echo delivered today.
      2. Jared added a link to the new site to redirect to THEENA.org. As we all know, we cannot completely redirect until we have an email forwarding solution.Dan will research further and draft a plan to get it done this fall.
3. **Event Planning, 60 minutes, (7:30 – 8:30)**
   1. Online Membership Drive Check-in (Jacob)
      1. Membership is still lagging.
      2. To encourage sign-ups, Charles will create a FB post promoting our plan to allocate $5 from each $15 membership received before 7/1 towards a $500 cash donation to the River Food Pantry.
   2. Annual Meeting (Charles)
      1. Agenda. Charles shared the proposed Annual Meeting agenda. We made a few modifications and went over who will speak during the Power Point presentation. We have confirmed attendance from civic leaders Michael Tierney, Blaire Adkins and Melissa Sargent. Awaiting a response from Resource Officer Howard Payne.
      2. Attendee recruitment plan. Charles will email our former board members about attending the meeting to ensure we get a quorum. Jared will contact his block captains as well.
      3. Kim will create a Facebook event with link and password to join.
   3. Future ENA events and COVID (All) - Postponed until July 1 meeting.
4. **New Business, 15 minutes (8:30-8:45)**
   1. Elvehjem Neighborhood Ideas
      1. Mural Painting- we want to reach out to the Parks Department for their thoughts on this.
      2. Brainstorm additional ideas: Make it a priority to compile a firm statement regarding the board’s stance against racial equality and inclusion. Conrad Elvehjem, whom our neighborhood is named for, supported redlining while active in politics.
      3. How can we educate our residents? What resources are available.
      4. [Who] made a motion to donate to the George Floyd fund which helps incarcerated people who can’t pay bail. Charles seconded. First, Jacob wants to confirm the group has no political ties as a donation would violate our 501c3 tax exempt status.
      5. Suggest we reach out to the LVM Book Club for recommended reading on this topic. Kim is a member.
5. **Adjournment. Time: 8:55 PM**

**Announcements**

* The next ENA Board Meeting is Wednesday, July 1st, from 7-9pm at the Great Dane East
* The next Echo Newsletter deadline is July 15 for the Aug/Sept Echo.
* Echo Assignments:
  + President’s Column-Charles
  + Treasurer’s Report-Jacob
  + Secretary’s Corner- Kim
  + Member Corner-Jared is converting his shed to a chicken coop and will share his story in the next Echo.
  + Event Recaps:
    - Annual Meeting Recap – Charles
    - Online Membership Drive update – Jacob
    - 4th of July online Recap - TBD
  + Neighborhood “happy” stories, summer edition – Dan
  + Upcoming Events
    - COVID-19 plan and updates