

NPNA Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017

Attending: Board members: Terry Kolacinski, Alice Kolacinski, Melissa Harrell, Debra Hawkins, Dan Singer, Bernie Page NPNA member: Sue Gilbertson

The meeting started with a moment of silence in memoriam for NPNA Officer Carol Fuqua

The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

An update re the remains of the building on Lavender St. across from the shelter: The city is planning on finishing upgrading the site "before mowing season".

A request was received from Northgate Mall for NPNA volunteers to plant Keep Durham Beautiful bulbs at Northgate Mall. The consensus was that NPNA receives a lot of support from Northgate Mall and Deb as president would solicit volunteers to plant the bulbs.

NPNA has also received bulbs from Keep Durham Beautiful thanks to the efforts of Alice Kolacinski. (An online discussion/vote by the Board concluded on Jan 11th with an authorization for Alice acting as coordinator in apply for and following up the grant.) She will ask at the next NPNA Garden Club for help planting the bulbs, probably on Jan 26th, weather permitting.

The newsletter was discussed. Rates will remain the same, we will continue the Spanish insert for a year. We will elicit new advertisers, especially from our nearby Hispanic businesses.

The Food Truck rodeos were discussed. They will start March 23 and end Oct 26 this year. All expressed thankfulness to and support of Mary Alicia Lyons for all she does to coordinate the rodeos. The consensus of the board is that PTAs should not be allowed to have bake sales at the rodeos both for liability issues and for decreased revenue to the food trucks. There was also discussion of the comments from Only Burger, and how long trucks should be at the event. No change.

The potluck last November was discussed. Possibly a change of date away from the holidays was mentioned. The board will address the potluck after the next elections. Luminaries were discussed, plan to look for musicians well before the date next year.

Two committees were formed. Bernie will head up a Procedures and Protocols Committee, to try to have a written record of what NPNA does and how it is accomplished and to strength our financial procedures. Deb will head up a Member Survey/Engagement Committee to increase membership and activity.

May 21 is the date of the next NPNA general annual meeting and picnic. Rain date May 28.

It was moved and approved to pay annual dues to INC (\$25 last year, approved up to max of \$50)

An internet motion was made and passed December 6, 2016 to engage a performer for the luminary night. It was agreed to pay \$125 to Bryan Palmer for a spinning globe show at the luminary event, December 11, 2016.

Submitted by Bernie Page