

Minutes of the Southglenn Civic Association

February 20, 2019

Secretary, Dora Cash called the meeting to order at 7:10 in the absence of chair, Linda Nixon and vice-chair, Susie Elmer. Other board members present were treasurer, Dale Rottschafer, Dorothy Mauro, and Stephanie Maxey. Southglenn residents Louise Bridges and Pat Benhmida also attended.

Dora gave the minutes of the January meeting, and Pat noted that there was an omission from the minutes. The minutes were corrected. A motion was made to approve; a second was made, and the revised minutes were accepted. Stephanie suggested that the minutes should be emailed to board members prior to our meeting so that corrections can be made beforehand before they are submitted for approval. Dora will do this starting with the February minutes. She will also make sure that Harriet receives a paper copy.

Dale gave the treasurer's report for December and January. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports, and they were approved. Dale indicated that last year's membership of 405 was probably due to the interest generated by the SRD proposal. Dale informed us that as of February 15th there were 100 dues submitted which is substantially above our numbers in 2017 on the same date.

Agenda:

We reviewed the dates for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 7th and Fun Fest, August 6th, both of which are already booked through South Suburban. Our other events are Dumpster Day, June 22nd, the Southwind annual 4th of July parade, and the Garage Sale, July 12th and 13th. We are assuming that Southwind still plans to join us for Dumpster Day, the Garage Sale and Fun Fest. Dorothy volunteered to get the contact information for the new Southwind president so that we can move forward on joint planning for activities. Dates will be published in our newsletter.

On the matter of Matching Funds with South Suburban, it was suggested that we might consider asking if we could have another bench installed on the

west side of the playground that is for older children, overlooking the bowl area. Presently, there is only the one bench under the pines. The others serve the younger children's play area. We know the deadline is March 1st so it may not be feasible to do this year.

As far as amending our by-laws to reflect current changes (such as meeting days), it was suggested and approved that two members go through the entirety of the document to make sure that all changes that have occurred are duly noted. These changes can then be brought before the board which may vote to amend the by-laws as needed. Dale has already provided board members with the information to access passwords, files, etc. so that issue is no longer a problem, but if this needs to be amended in the by-laws, the review of the by-laws will catch that.

As far as our current membership drive, Dale felt that far and away the most successful action we have taken to increase membership is including a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the newsletter. It has generated far more response than any other idea we have tried. A motion was made to buy the stamps and as many additional envelopes as necessary to insert a return envelope in March's newsletter. It was seconded and approved. As soon as Linda tells us she has the newsletter, one of us will pick them up, and we will stuff envelopes in the newsletter. Then they can be sorted for volunteers to deliver to their routes. Dale had placed the names of all the people who had paid dues by February 15th in a container and had Louise Bridges, a non-board member draw out a name. The Alperns won the \$25 gift certificate. Dale suggested that we have another drawing on the 15th of April, and everyone who has paid by then may win the Peet's coffee prize. The board thought this was an excellent idea. The web address is already listed in several places in the newsletter if people prefer to pay that way. We have had 8 people use it. We should have a membership table for every event we sponsor.

As regards committee sheets, the board felt they should be available on-line and in the newsletter. Dorothy and Dora volunteered to take on signs, stuffing eggs and recruiting volunteers to scatter eggs and run the hunt. That way Linda can concentrate on the jelly bean guess, the Easter egg roll, and the

Easter Bunny. Stephanie volunteered to put out a plea on Next Door for 5 to 7 individuals who would be willing to serve on a steering committee for Fun Fest. She wants to put this out the first part of March so that planning can be well underway before summer arrives.

Under New Business, the board discussed the pantry box. The board felt that if anyone in Southglenn wanted to have a pantry box that is fine, but it is an individual's decision. The board doesn't have any property on which to set up a pantry. If someone sets up a pantry box, we might wish to make a certain number of donations on behalf of the Southglenn community.

Pat Benhmida shared with us that Meals on Wheels has lost its place at Ames Elementary since it will be renovated. Ideally, it would like its own space with a restaurant-size kitchen to prepare meals five days a week. Pat wondered if there were any church which might be able to help out. The board discussed suggesting to city council that the Centennial council should support finding a locale (perhaps in an empty strip mall) and providing some kind of financial break to enable Meals on Wheels to have its own place as part of its commitment to seniors in our community. Residents should contact their council person to encourage them to assist Meals on Wheels.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora Cash, secretary