# BHNA BOARD MEETING

## Monday, May 20, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. We had one guest this evening - Ron Saluski from Noble Drive.

2. Board Members

| | In Attendance: | Absent: |
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| Eliza Hawkins | x | |
| Casey McLaughlin | | x excused |
| Mary Kay Falconer | X | |
| Mike Brezin | | x excused |
| Donna Legare | x | |
| Jim Ward | x | |
| Tom Waits | | x excused |
| Margie McInnes | | x excused |
| Tom Schulte | x | |
| Jenn Winegardner | x | |
| Mario Taylor | | x excused |
| Nancy Leiva-Krause | x | |
| Rob Pierce | | x excused |
| Courtney Doker | x | |
| Taimour Chaudhry | | x excused |

3. **MINUTES**
   - Jim moves that we approve April minutes, Mary kay seconds, minutes approved unanimously with the addition of Tom's report of checks written in April (attached end of minutes).
   - Jim moves that we approve March minutes, Nancy seconds, minutes approved unanimously.
4. **FINANCIAL**
   - **Summary Treasury Report - $28,286 balance as of 5/20 (several checks haven't yet cleared)**
   - **Treasurer's Report attached**

5. **MEMBERSHIP/AUDIENCE**
   - Your audience has 969 subscribers as of 5/20/24
   - Facebook 1562 as of 4/15/24
   - Homes on our mailing list:1100
   - 2022 Members as of 11/20/23:419 (12 months)
   - 2023 Members as of 12/8/23: 420
   - 2024 Members as of 12/8/23: 158
   - 2024 Members as of 5/20/24: 409

**6. Donations to Neighborhood Schools:** $500 checks were distributed to Kate Sullivan Elementary, Cobb Middle School, Leon High School Foundation.

**7. Food Truck Thursday - June 20, Block Party on Cline Street.** Tom is reporting to the City that the large pine tree blocking half the road is still down. If the pine is not removed by then, we will have to cancel. Eliza will talk to the community gardeners about having a presence that evening. Mario has lined up the food trucks and has arranged for the road to be closed from the last driveway to Trescott. A TPD officer will be present ($360).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Tornado Relief** In response to tornado damage, Woodgate Neighborhood donated $500 to provide a food truck to the Indianhead Neighborhood which was without power. After learning about this, Mike, Mario, Jim and Eliza worked to provide a food truck for the **Providence Neighborhood** on Wednesday following the storm. They were also without power. Eliza sent out an email requesting donations to fund food truck meals and provide bottled water. Our neighborhood generously donated $5296.75. Indianhead added another $500.00 and Woodgate what was left of their raised money - $1200 for a total of 6996.75. The food truck served 167 meals in the Providence neighborhood (1670.00) and we lined up a food truck for Friday in the **Bond Neighborhood** where 181 meals were served (1810.00). We discussed how to use the remaining money since most neighborhoods now have power. Tom suggested donating it to **Good News** where he has volunteered. They deliver food to families in need. Eliza will call them to find out how they are serving people affected by the storm and if they seem like a good fit for fulfilling our goals of helping people affected by the storm, we will donate the remainder of the funds (less whatever we have spent on bottled water) to them.

2. **Facebook Problem** - Jim reports that some people have put up disrespectful, personal posts that violate BHNA Facebook rules. Courtney reminded us that participating with the BHNA Facebook group is a privilege, not a right, and that we are spending too much time having to deal with disrespectful posts. Our Facebook administrators, Melissa, Mike, Jim and Courtney will discuss the issue further and come up with procedures that will enforce our Facebook rules.

3. **Book Bandit -** A recent Facebook post notes that a man has been observed stealing books from the Little Library in McCord Park and in other locations around the city. It may be the same man that Mary Kay observed once last year removing books from the Little Library. We don't know who he is or if he resells the book. It was also reported on fb that a library in front of a residence in our neighborhood might have a similar problem. There were several suggestions for countering this problem shared in that same FB. We discussed sending a blast email to the neighborhood as an alert with suggestions for preventing any bandits from striking again.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 19, 2024, 7pm, Eliza's**
The meeting was Adjourned at 8:30pm.