Sunset Village Community Association

Madison, WI 53705

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Location: Sequoya Library, Room B

Welcome and Opening Comments: Jonathan Becker and Ulrike Dieterle

Attendees: Ulrike Dieterle, Jonathan Becker, Ken Raffa, Anne Badey Raffa, Brian Andersen, Liz Vowles, Linda Fahy, Richelle Andrea, Sue Reynard, Erin Deeley, Drew Lehmann, Brian Lamb

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm.

Announcements and Reports:

Richelle Andrea: Member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors

This is the legislative body of the county, handling infrastructure and budgetary items allotted for social services and environmental issues. Richelle chairs the county’s Justice Committee which is currently working on a crisis triage center near the Alliant Energy Center and a jail consolidation project. They continue to explore housing issues in collaboration with other jurisdictions as well as learning about high-speed rail, what this would look like and where it could be located.

The Dane County Landfill is being transformed into a sustainability campus.

It appears that the lakes are healthier than ever before. They have a “Suck The Muck” campaign and are looking for ways to incentivize the farmers to be more environmentally respectful regarding lake water.

Treasurer’s Report: Rich Kedzior

Rich could not attend our meeting but submitted a detailed Treasurer’s Report for us to discuss.

We currently have $8,006.73 in available funds.

We also have seven new members since the last meeting.

Erin Deeley: Coordinator of our Easter Egg Hunt

Erin had a funding request about the Easter Egg Hunt. This year she set up 500 Easter Eggs. She buys the candy and asks for donations. If we reach out to more of the neighborhood, she would need that $200.00 to fund it. She is open to that. Ken made a motion to thank Erin and approve the Easter Egg Hunt and the $200.00 to fund it. It was then amended to $300.00 on a regular basis with reimbursement to Erin. This motion was seconded by Sue.

SVCA Newsletter: Liz Vowles

There was a discussion of newsletter policy.

We will start new prices in January, 2024 based on what we see the other neighborhood associations charge for their ads. Rich and Jon will meet to go over details regarding this idea.

Linda and Sue made a motion to not approve a full page ad for our newsletter based on votes of attending members. Most agreed.

Friends of Hoyt Park: Anne Badey Raffa

We had an acoustic bat survey on Friday, May 12 at 8:00 pm. It was a family event but had to be shortened due to rain. It did last 45 minutes and about 20 people attended.

Please mark Sunday, August 13 for the FOHP Annual Meeting and Family Movie event. As of now the time is still tentative but the plan is as follows:

4:00 pm Annual meeting

5:00 pm Family movie showing in the shelter. At this time we plan to serve popcorn, movie candy boxes and soft drinks and are asking for donations from attendees.

The Third Saturday workdays will continue until November with work on removal of invasive species and cleaning of fireplaces. Please meet in the parking lot of the main shelter at 10:00.

Red Cross Blood Drive

 This will be held on Thursday, July 13, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Sue agreed to organize this event. The library has all of the PR materials for this. For the record, the December blood drive was quite successful.

Ice Cream Social Activities:

Our reservation is in place for Saturday, August 5 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. It is always the first Saturday in August and the space needs to be reserved.

With our current reservation we are given four picnic tables and four trash bins. Brian takes the lead on this event every year which is great.

Food and Drink Orders:

Luigi’s gave the best deal last year with 30% off. We will ask again.

The ice cream was from The Chocolate Shoppe Factory. We had great flavors including one non dairy entry. Napkins are provided. We will ask again.

Ulrike will pick up salty treats and Sue will get the beverages.

Beer: we will again get three kegs from The Great Dane

Balloon Man: It will be in the $300.00 to $400.00 range. The kids loved it.

Fire Station # 9 Visit - The public liaison is Bernadette and Ulrike will contact her.

Upcoming Events :

Make Madison Music is on Wednesday, June 21. There is a list online.

Ice Cream Social will be held August 5.

SVCA Garage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Our next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 at The Midtown Police Station.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Anne Badey Raffa,

SVCA Secretary