

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting on September 23rd at Sue Mochinski's

Hi everyone,

We only had four people show up for today's Board meeting, Sue, Ernie, Kon, and myself. We decided we should conduct a virtual meeting by email because there are a lot of questions that need answers, so please look everything over and respond as soon as you can (hopefully within the next couple of days!)

Attached are this month's treasurer's report and a draft budget for the 2018-19. I built the draft budget based on last year's income and expenses. As you can see at the top, we spent more than we took in for 2017-18, thus the carryover for the beginning of this year is about \$1400 less than for last year.

The 2017-18 budget reflects actual expenses only. The 2018-19 budget has a column for projected expenses and a column for what has actually been spent this year. I would like feedback on the blocks highlighted in yellow in the projected expenses column. Should these items be deleted? If they should be included, how much do you suggest we should project for them? Are there other items we should add?

Please note that we have already spent more than projected on the Commons for plants, however, this is offset by the special grant of \$874.90 that we got from the City for this purpose.

As you can see, we have been spending more than we make in income, but we have a very large carryover which allows this. Down the road we will have to discuss what we think is a reasonable carryover. So far this year (i.e., since May) we have had no advertising income.

Other subjects that were discussed and need to be resolved are:

- We need someone to plan the Halloween Party. Jason, is this you?
- Will Leslie Woods once again hire Santa?
- The advertising campaign for the yearly directory should take place from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15.
- We should have a newsletter deadline that will allow distribution before the Halloween Party. We will need articles for the newsletter including a mention of the Halloween Party, the Santa visits, the new membership drive, and the need for a President and Historian. Who is doing the newsletter?
- The people present thought that we should have our next meeting in early December (between the two holidays). Sue Mochinski has agreed to host again. She thought we should let the entire community know they are invited in order to get potential new volunteers. Since a weekend meeting did not go well, perhaps we should go back to weekday evening meetings. (Sue said you can bring your kids if you need to - we would just put you first on the program.) Please send suggested times.
- Finally, and again, we still need a PRESIDENT!

I guess we can look at this email as the minutes of the September 23 meeting! Thanks.

Toby Sorensen