



Lafayette Square Neighborhood Association (LSRC)
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2022

The Board met in person with the following members present: Tom Murphy, Christina Ryan, Tim Strickfaden, Brooke Gocken, Jamie Shahmirzadi, Ron Gorman, George Boulware, Steve Wilde, Matt Negri, Jill Peckinpaugh, Marsha Delcour, Abbey Schlueter, Kelly Schlueter

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order and last month's minutes were unanimously approved at 7:05 PM. Motion by Christina, 2nd by Kelly.

Ongoing Business:

Meeting Etiquette- Discussed ways to improve our meetings.

Accounting Services Recommendation- A sample was created to outline task we need performed by a CPA. Looking for someone with a good balance between bookkeeping and corporate tax laws. We plan to engage a CPA at the end of the year to do our taxes. Please advise if you know anyone.

Year End Financial Reporting- We want to continue to be transparent with our financials, so discussion was had to make them more readily available. Currently they are made available by request only. The quarterly summary is given to membership per our bylaws. Discussed the possibility of publishing the annual report in the Marquis.

Easter Egg Hunt- This year we are hosting the annual event with our neighbors, Lafayette Park United Methodist Church, at the Lafayette Park playground. Membership will have a booth with info and treats for the kids.

New Business:

Donation Request-YMCA- A \$333 donation is being made.

Donation Request-UMC Preschool- When the school asked, we had already donated our budgeted dollars so we are going to ask them to submit a formal request for donation. Motion to pass donating \$250 this year. Motion by Tim, 2nd by Kelly. Next year we will need to consider upping our donation budget.

Park House Keys- New keys are being made and distributed to appropriate people. Looking to do a keyless door lock on the back door once budget allows for more updates.

-Getting wifi is something we need if we want to generate more rental income. Current rental numbers are up which is great. From a revenue prospective, thinking about putting together rental packages for the concerts, etc. A business proposal will be drawn up for this idea.

Circuit Court Judge at General Meeting- A circuit court judge will be present at our general meeting to answer any questions. We are asking members to submit any questions to Tom before the meeting so they have time to prepare.

Committee Updates:

Membership Update- We will have a membership tent at concerts. Location of tent TBD.

Treasurer Update- Distributed Statement of Activity by Month to the Board. The King endowment opened in 2020 and today we are about the same dollar amount.

Fundraising Update- Garden Tour tickets are now live to purchase on our website. Currently we have 24 antique vendors and 6 garden vendors with more to come. This year neighbors can become sponsors and should be receiving letters in the mail with that info soon.

-Clementine's is doing a documentary and they would like to invite neighbors to do interviews sometime in June. More info to come on that. We are supporting from a neighborhood perspective.

Business Affairs Update- LSBA members will be receiving an email soon about renewing their memberships. The Marquis deadline is April 30th.

Safety Update- New neighborhood design plans were shared with the board. The City created these plans and we have nothing to do with design but we are happy with the improvements. Visual plans will be shared at the next general meeting including stop bars, new crosswalks, bike lanes, etc.

Capital Improvement Update- Currently working on Waverly columns and getting bids for 31 foot iron fence for next year. Will also be fundraising to landlords on that street to help with these improvements.

-There are a few historic signs that need to be repainted.

Communications Update- Photo contest ends next Friday. We have some really great pictures coming in.

Preservation Update- New historic code needs to be finished by May. The Marquis will have the list of code changes.

-Church at McKay submitted drawings for a 2 family home that adheres to historic code.

-We are aware of the trash at Jefferson and Chouteau and going to address with building owner.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next General Membership Meeting, April 13th in-person at Sqwires.

Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned, 2nd by Abbey. All agreed and the meeting ended at 8:52 pm.