

Downtown Neighbors Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6pm - In Tandem Theatre, 628 N. 10th Street

Present: Don Arenson, Stacie Callies, Jim Julka, Lee Ann Kingston, Claude Krawczyk, Kim Morris, Beth Nicols, David Ray, David Reid, Tom Wilson, Sheryl Waltman, Sherry Summers, Don Nasgowitz

Absent: Margaret Duprey, Kate Strzok, Tony Silivia,

I. Call to Order

President Claude Krawczyk called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He recognized County Supervisor David Bowen and Alderman Bob Bauman, who he invited to address the group.

II. Meeting Minutes

Don Arenson moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012. Tom Wilson seconded, and the motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

Stacie Callies reported that we have a cash balance of \$1,554.29. Contributions for the year totaling \$2,500 from East Town, Westown, Historic Third Ward and Milwaukee Downtown were received. Total expenses for the year thus far have been \$945.71 (\$206.98 for a member event, \$419 for printing, \$244.43 for office supplies, \$40.30 for office supplies and \$35 for business registrations).

IV. Committee Reports

Events and Promotions Committee: Members include Sherry Summers (chair), Tony Silvia, Annette Wilson, Kim Morris, Lee Ann Kingston and Sheryl Waltman. Sherry Summers reported that the committee held a downtown resident event at River Rhythms on August 29th during the Pat McCurdy concert and planned the annual meeting.

Outreach Committee: Members include Mary Jungers (Chair), Don Nasgowitz, David Ray, Kim Morris, Nancy OKeefe/Ruth Lawson from HTWA. David Ray gave the report for Mary Jungers. The committee has worked to establish DNA presence on social media (Facebook and Twitter). They have also developed one email newsletter and have printed 5,000 membership brochure that are now completed. Stacie Callies from Westown will make sure that brochures get delivered to anyone that would like some with the help of the public service ambassadors.

Resident's Advocacy Committee: Members include Don Arenson (chair), Jim Orth, Tom Wilson, John Kielich, Ruth Vondeberg, David Reid, and Tom Nackers. Don Arenson said his group has had discussions with both Alderman Bauman and Captain Basting.

V. Pledge of Cooperation

Claude Krawczyk reviewed the pledge of cooperation that the group has been working on. He explained that the agreement is currently being reviewed by board members and the downtown groups, but is a non-binding agreement that businesses will be asked to sign asking them to comply with certain practices when it comes noise, trash, parking etc. in order to make downtown a good place to live and do business. All downtown businesses that sign the agreement will be given the label DNA Tested, which will encourage residents to patronize those businesses.

VI. Election of 2013 Board of Directors and Officers

Claude Krawczyk said that both Tony Silvia and Ruth Vondeberg (both are Third Ward residents) do not wish to be re-elected. Gary Peterson agreed to fill one of the Third Ward seats. Don Arenson moved to re-elect the current slate of officers (Claude Krawczyk - President, Don Arenson - Vice President, Stacie Callies - Treasurer, Nancy Okeefe - Secretary) and the board reflecting those changes. Seconded by Beth Nicols, and the motion passed.

VII. Old Business/New Business

Claude opened the meeting up for questions. A guest asked what was currently going on at Grand Avenue, Claude deferred to Stacie and Callies and Beth Nicols. Stacie gave an update on the retail Pop Up program that was being developed for the holidays as well as the Creativity Works Here program that has successfully filled the Plankinton Building. Beth Nicols explained that the mall was sold in a

foreclosure auction the previous day, which resulted in the lender Wells Fargo taking control of the property. Claude Krawczyk said that DNA should consider holding a meeting at Grand Avenue in 2013, so that members can get a better look at what is going on there.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:30 pm. Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6pm

VII. In Tandem Theatre "Sneak Peak" from Cudahy Caroler Christmas

Claude thanked Jane and Chris Flieller for hosting tonight's meeting and encouraged everyone to come back and buy tickets for one of In Tandem's future shows.