

## **SOTS MEETING Minutes – 04/09/15 @ Lonzak's**

**A. Call to order** - meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

**B. Welcome to Guests** - In attendance – Betsy Wheelock, Lori Buchsbaum, Barrett and Patty Knudsen, Rick Goroski, Randy Churchill, Bob Edgar, Jean Spohn and Kyle Lonzak.

**C. Communications of the President** Discussion of newsletter timing with Streets of Garage Sales. More newsletter discussion in communications report below.

**D. Minutes and Report of the Secretary and disposition of book** The Book was handed over to Betsy Wheelock; contains some secretarial information from the past year or so. **March minutes approved.**

**E. Report of the Treasurer – Gary Harris – as of 04/09/15**

**a. Savings = \$18,451.55; Checking = \$3,912.35; Total = \$22,363.90**

**b. Gary is out of town and will not be with us this month so we'll wait until next month to further discuss and approve the Budget** Some discussion by the group about sending reminder invoices for those who have not yet paid annual dues.

**F. Committee Reports**

**a. Communications – Bob, Chestine, Barrett, Kyle, Betsy** - Betsy volunteered to help with the newsletter; will contact Chestine. Heather will likely want to put something in for Street of Garage Sales, Betsy and Lori will produce something for Egg Hunt, Kyle will see about reaching out to find someone to manage the web page, Jean will write something about work parties, Barrett will work on President's letter and something about Summerfest. Anyone in the community can submit something to the newsletter; editor collects submissions, edits for space, margins, etc. Draft goes to committee members, then goes to print.

**b. Beach – Tim, Jean, Guy** Work party scheduled for April 24th, 2-4. Jean could use some help publicizing; Lori will reach out to people on Egg Hunt list. Ivy needs to be pulled and wound tightly for compost. Native plants have been planted in the past and need to be protected from invasives. Jean is focusing her efforts on Shorewood Park and the Beach; a steward is needed for Salmon Creek Ravine. Please help get the word out. SOTS may hire gardening service to do beach maintenance, discussion, no decision.

**c. Welcoming Committee – Patty, Beth** Patty is keeping an eye out for new families; if you know of one please let her know. Betsy offered to help identify, too.

**d. Ecology/Path Maintenance – Jean, Guy** Work Party scheduled for April 24th, 10-noon.

Jean likes to clean up around the Fred Henzi Memorial tree and plaque at least once a year to remember his dedication to the park. Ivy needs to be pulled and wound tightly for compost. Native plants have been planted in the past and need to be protected from invasives. People can bring gloves, not a lot of tools needed, and Jean has both gloves and tools for volunteers, too.

**e. Current Board members:**

**1. President is Barrett Knudsen**

**2. Vice-President is Tim Wilhelmi**

**3. Secretary is Dana Wheelock**

**4. Treasurer is Gary Harris**

**5. Newsletter Editor is Chestine Edgar**

**6. Board Members are Jean Spohn, Randy Churchill, Bob Edgar, Rand Fullington, Rick Goroski, Beth Kleparek, Patty Knudsen, Kyle Lonzak, Lori Buchsbaum**

**G. Discussion of Web Page maintenance** – Kyle may know someone who can help. Will also reach out in newsletter.

**H. Discussion of 2015 Events**

**a. Easter Egg Hunt, Betsy and Lori, 4/4/15** Went well, nice weather. Had enough volunteers; went smoothly. 60-70 kids in attendance. Hid nearly 1,000 eggs; almost all were recycled / saved for next year. Storage unit could use some general cleaning; group will consider a cleaning party over the summer.

**b. Streets of Garage Sales, Heather, 6/13/15** Heather is a pro, planning is underway.

**c. SummerFest, Barrett, 7/18/15** Barrett's band is ready. Will likely do postcard for SummerFest and Salmon Bake as have been done in past years.

**d. SalmonBake, Tim and John, 8/22/15** Tim Riley and Jon Newton chairing this year.

**e. Christmas Lights, Kyle, December 2015** Kyle is excited; love Christmas lights, has plans, may make more signs.

- I. **Any Further New Business** Gary interested in producing a thank you plaque(s) for Kevin and Joe, previous Board members. **Moved and approved by Board;** Gary to expedite.
  - a. **Approval of November 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes (Bob)** Bob has additions; will work with Barrett to produce a final copy for May meeting.
  - b. **Discussion of abandoned house (Marv and/or Laurel if available)** Neighbors are keeping an eye on the house. Deceased owners' grandkids will be cleaning it out.
- J. **City Items (Bob)** Ribbon cutting was held April 8th for new stormwater system at NERA, funded by City and Port for new development. Includes newly vegetated area for stormwater filtration at 146th and Des Moines Memorial. City trespass ordinance has caused some controversy. Questions about the new (unoccupied) fire station - not a City building - Fire Dept won't accept the building due to construction errors, will likely not be resolved anytime soon.
  - a. **Next Meeting is on May 14, 2015 @ Gary Harris'**
- K. **Adjournment** 9:00 pm