

W3NA Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 2015

Held at: St James United Methodist Church
Present: Carlos Nagel, Sandy Miller, Bill Crouse, John Kovacik, Lois Miller
Absent: Bob Holiday, Jeff Seligman
Guest: Hilary Madrid

John Kovacik, President, called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of minutes:** It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the October minutes as emailed.
2. **Treasurer's report:** Sandy reported a starting balance of \$191.25; \$25.00 dues from RHENA plus 1¢ of interest earned; no expenses; ending balance of \$216.26. Hilary submitted \$25.00 dues for 2016 from the Balboa Heights NA.

3. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Program Committee (PC):** John gave a report on the October Program. It was on the ballot issues. There was a PowerPoint presentation, and John suggested including PowerPoint presentations on our website from future presentations.

Carlos & Hilary suggested asking the Tucson Fire Fighters Association (TFFA), the Fire Fighter's union, to present the January 2016 Program. Sandy recommended that the PC talk to the TFFA representative to determine if their presentation is appropriate before committing. Lois said she would do that. Bill is interested in what charity work TFD employees do to help the neighborhoods and families, and would like to see that information included in their presentation.

Carlos suggested scheduling a meeting of the PC.

- b. **Communications Committee (CC):** There was no report from the CC.
- c. **Fundraising Committee:** Carlos reported that there appeared to be a good turnout at the fundraising event at BJ's restaurant yesterday. The amount raised is not yet known, and will be reported next month.
- d. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee has not met. John's and Bill's terms are up in January. Both indicated they are willing to run for another term.

John spoke about the need to recruit committee members, not just board members. Sandy took it a step further, stating she believes our main effort should be to encourage people to become involved in the organization (by simply joining the email list) with no specific responsibilities, either board or committee. She believes that having more members would mean more people aware of what we are attempting to accomplish, which could result in more people discovering projects in which they are interested. John handed out a succinct statement that he recommends ask Ward 3 to include in Karin's e-note to help boost membership. He will put it in a Word doc and send to the Board for suggestions on content.

We talked about how the word "Committee" makes people think "meetings" and discussed using terms like "Action Group" or "Project Team" instead.

- e. **Bylaws Committee:** Sandy brought the amended Bylaws for signatures of the President and Secretary. She will create a PDF copy to post on the website and will send a copy to the Board e-list.
4. **Review of GAIN event:** John, Bill and Jeff attended the GAIN event at SJUMC. John & Bill reported that the turnout was low. It was agreed that next year we need to plan further in advance and get the word out earlier. John got a business card from a young man who lives in Shaheen Estates (S of Ft Lowell, between Campbell & Tucson) who may be an asset to W3NA. He will get the contact information to Sandy so she can invite him to join the W3NA email list. Bill suggested sending a letter to real estate companies and requesting people to assist with W3NA. Bill said he knows Rusty Long, but he did not say he would talk to him.
5. **Review of Mt-1st/WMG event at Mitchell Park:** Sandy reported that she was present at the beginning and at the end of the event and did not see much activity. She spoke to only one gentleman who expressed interest in our organization, but he did not ask to join the e-list. John reported that there was more interest during the period he was there in the middle of the day. We realized that having a larger sign to attach to the table (similar to the LAH sign) would be beneficial. Lois mentioned that she could possibly get a banner printed cheaply because Jefferson works in a print shop. It was decided that although the amount of interest did not appear to have been worth the time put in, some interest is better than no interest, so we will continue to work events like these as we become aware of them.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Collaborative Workshop:** Carlos had sent the program for his Collaborative Workshop to the Board. He asked if W3NA is willing to be a co-sponsor. W3NA does not need to do anything other than lend their name. We can/should have information on the Alliance available at the workshop, and John hopes that someone can be there to represent W3NA

“as the cost of sponsoring.” It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to sponsor the event. Carlos is considering holding the 6-hour workshop on Saturday, January 23 at the Ward 3 office.

2. **Start planning Annual Meeting for January:** We discussed the date, time and location for the annual meeting. We tentatively agreed on Saturday, January 16, from 10:30 am to noon. Locations suggested were Woods Library, Boondocks, Marty Birdman Center. Carlos, Bill and Hilary will investigate the availability of each.
3. **Other New Business:**
 - Bill announced that he will be attending an HOA seminar offered by Pima County this coming Saturday. He hopes there will be information presented that will be helpful to W3NA. He is particularly interested in the issue of wildcat dumping. He will report back next month.
 - Sandy asked Hilary if she would like to be added to the e-list for the W3NA board members. This would ensure she is included in discussions. She agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2015, 6:30 pm, SJUMC.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Miller, Secretary