

W3NA Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2016

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

Bill Crouse, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of minutes:** It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the February minutes.

2. **Treasurer's report:**

Starting Balance 2/9/16:	\$ 708.89
Income:	\$ 31.95 (reimbursement of check charge)
Expenses:	\$ 14.00 (service fee; should be reimbursed)
Balance 3/3/15:	<u>\$ 726.84</u> (\$320 earmarked for pass-through)

Last month John mentioned the Cactus Linear Project in RillitoBend. Sandy found that *In-Kind* donations are handled by a 501c3 as follows: The donor notifies W3NA of the estimated value of the donation. W3NA writes a letter to the donor thanking them for the donation valued at that amount. (The donor can only deduct the cost of goods, not time, but it is not the responsibility of W3NA to monitor that.)

3. **Committee/Group/Task Force Reports**

- a. **Program Committee:** The PC committee met prior to the board meeting. The Secretary arrived near the end of the meeting, at which time **Lois resigned** from both the PC and the W3NA Board for health reasons, left the box of information that Marc Haberman had given her, and left. What is reported here came from what was discussed during the rest of the PC meeting.

- Bill mentioned that Tres English is having an urban farm tour this weekend, and he wondered if Tres should be contacted about a future Urban Agriculture Program. It was agreed that Tres should be included.
- Hilary explained that she cannot do as much for the PC as she used to, due to changes in her job situation.

- Carlos speculated that perhaps W3NA has “reached the end of the line” and despite the fact that a lot of people have invested a lot of energy (and money) we should admit it hasn’t worked because there doesn’t seem to be sufficient interest. Sandy suggested we might go dormant, while she would continue to file the required Annual Report and 990N to keep W3NA solvent as a 501c3. That way it could be resurrected at a later date without needing to be re-created. This decision will not be made until we have more board members present at a meeting.
 - Bill, Carlos, Hilary and Sandy agreed that we would like to continue with a Program on Illegal Dumping. Bill mentioned that he can arrange for a mention on TV, and perhaps in the newspaper. We assigned some responsibilities: **1)** Carlos will contact Judith at Ward 3 to see if the meeting room is available on any of the days Judith reported all the guests are available (3/30, 3/31, 4/6, 4/7). **2)** Then Bill will contact the presenters (Michael Ortega, Andrew Quigley, Michael Wynenken) to make sure they are still available, and to pick a date. **3)** Then Sandy will create and send out a flyer. **4)** At that point we should have 3-4 weeks to decide what information we would like covered, and to discuss it with the guests.
- b. **Nominating Committee:** There was no report. Last month John agreed to be “point person” to keep everybody actively trying to recruit new members and get people involved. Hilary suggested visiting NA meetings and explaining what our non-profit status can do for them, and/or creating a flyer and sending it to NA officers.
- c. **Communications:** Sandy reported that she has added text to the “tag” that is at the end of every email sent to the W3NA email list (not the Board e-list). It says:
- W3NA Needs YOU! We're looking for more participation and want you to join us. Please forward email you receive from this list to others in your neighborhood and in Ward 3.
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- Sandy had written a draft email to announce our 501c3 status, and made changes as suggested by John. She handed out a copy and asked people to look it over and let her know if she should send it. It was agreed that Sandy should send this out.
- d. **Fundraising:** Carlos reported that there has been no further fundraising effort since the Collaboration Workshop fell through.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Focus for the organization:** This topic was not discussed due to John’s absence.

2. **Becoming Pro-Active:** Bill told us about FightBlight.com, and about exchanging email with Steve Farley, AZ State Senator for District 9, about blight. Steve is sponsoring a bill to deal with “donation boxes” placed in commercial parking lots. Hilary suggested a follow-up Program aimed at businesses about their problems with dumping, and inviting Steve Farley as a presenter.

C. Announcements

1. Carlos mentioned the “Do Happy Today” event that will happen at Limberlost Park. There will be a meeting on March 20. There will be fundraising to create a pedestrian walkway.
2. Bill told us how he approached Walmart at the open house for the new Neighborhood Market, and asked for a contribution for the Mt View mural project. It looks like they may get a \$2500 donation. Carlos suggested Bill send out information about the mural project to the W3NA email list.
3. Carlos said he would contact Tamarack Little who bikes around Tucson taking photos, about getting pictures of murals in Ward 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2016, 6:45 pm, SJUMC.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Miller, Secretary