

Community Building Committee Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017 – 6:30pm
Edgumbe Recreation Center – 320 S Griggs Street

MINUTES

In Attendance: Tom Dietsche, Craig Skone, Britta Sherrill, Joyce Krech, Anne LeDuc, Adam Backstrom, Mitch Welborn (City Life Church), Kathy Kelso

Introductions /Additions or Deletions to Agenda

- None

Approval of July 2017 Minutes

- The minutes from the July 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote, with a correction from New Life Church to City Life Church twice in the minutes. Also discussed that we don't recall exactly the analysis Craig was to complete on the Alley Garden Awards.

Inclusivity Task Force – Strategies for October

- There are two fall student recruitment events this week:
 - ✓ Thursday, 9/14 at St. Thomas (Opportunity Fair from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm)
 - ✓ Friday, 9/15 at Macalester (Taste of Service from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm).
- Liz has identified a Macalester student who is interested in the board seat.
- Adam suggested alternating the seat each year from Macalester to St. Thomas.
- Since the student will need to serve on a committee, that might help focus on a “group” of students to approach.

Alley Garden Awards Celebration & Fall Plant Sharing Planning

- Suggestion for new judges to partner with an experienced judge as judging isn't always black & white
- In 2018 if we have an intern, that individual could track the locations of the homes who call requesting an Alley Garden Award. This might help identify “fringe” gardens.
- The Fall Plant Sharing date has been set for Saturday, September 23rd at 127 Amherst. There will be a seed swap this year, also.
- Award Ceremony – October 5th at Pilgrim Lutheran Church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We do not have a confirmed speaker. Suggestions: Facebook Garden Group, Brightside Produce Group at St. Thomas.

Mac-Grove Fest Recap

- 1,000 estimated attendees
- Income was \$3,400 and our expenses were \$2,500
- Scavenger Hunt was well received
- Suggestion for advertising - lawn signs at strategic intersections
- There were competing events that weekend
- Many thanks to Britta & Liz for their fantastic organization and significant efforts!

Program Updates

- Century Building Plaque requests have decreased, but we will advertise them closer to the holidays

Updates/Announcements/Other Business

- Next meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- The Citywide Drop-Off event is Saturday, September 30 along Shepard Road! Volunteers are needed and each volunteer will receive a \$20 voucher for disposing of items. Ask Britta for more details.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes submitted by Joyce Krech

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