



Board Members/Officers Attending:

President: Linda Siple **Vice Pres:** Bob Scheidt **Secretary:** Sandra Swanson **Treas:** Robert McLoughlin
Elm District Rep: Jim Nicholson **Corwin Dist Rep:** Holly Petsos **Croydon Dist Rep:** David Kaiser

Also: Sharon Bloemendaal; Anne Weintraub; Cassy Petsos; Joan Hopkins; Bob Genthner, Jane Zimmet

Approval of minutes from 04-0/2016– Sandra Swanson

Small typo fix from Bob (missing parens). Bob moved to accept, Holly 2nd, approved.

Review master contact list and make corrections

Corrections provided to Sandy; she will update and send to Board.

Treasurer’s Report (and Membership) – Robert McLoughlin

We have now begun the new fiscal year. A membership update: 7 new members – since June. We also had a donation from Garden Walk, and an expense of \$150.93 to replace a stolen Newcastle Road street sign. Robert’s report was accepted and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership update – Robert M. – See above; also note that Membership total resets at end of the fiscal year.
- Annual Meeting – debrief – All.
Meeting was very well attended, and featured an outstanding presentation on Browncroft history by Sharie Bloemendaal. Suggestion: reschedule this talk every 3 years.
- Zoning update – Holly P.
Aldi can lawfully start to build now. No bond has been posted. Holly didn’t know if there would be another appeal. Concern expressed about illuminated signs issue. Discussion of art deco style former gas station. Nothing going on with Merwin Auto’s possible changes. There were 3 neighbor complaints about the Faith-to-Faith church event. Holly will talk to Pastor John Morgan to inform him about the concerns.
- Crime: There have been recurring complaints about motorcycle noise on Browncroft/Merchants Road area. State Police did come out. Bob will attend a crime prevention meeting on the Board’s behalf and report to us.
- Historic Street Sign – post project update – Linda S.
Grant request submitted to Rochester Community Foundation, expect prompt response on whether we will be awarded a grant. Linda noted there is lots of competition.
- School 46 – update – Cassy P.
The insertion of new windows has begun. They start with 1st floor, then 2nd floor. Expect to finish before school starts.
- Walking Tour update - Cassy P., Shari B. and Linda S.
Cassy has received additional information and has to finish reviewing the text.
- Rose Garden – Circle Garden update – Cassy
Cassy weeded and sprayed but the invasive bind weed has come back. Planting expected in September.
- Brighton Street Lights update – Bob S.
New street lights end at city line; Some Brighton residents in the last block before Fairhaven are trying to get lights

extended; Windemere was only block interested. Later some Corwin residents became interested. Brighton/City cooperated to work out details. Cost to be paid by residents and a new tax district will be formed. Twenty-year bond issue too expensive, now working on trying for 30 year bond. They expect a response within a few weeks. Requires only majority endorsement, not 100%.

- Curb project update – Bob S.

Bob, his wife and street rep surveyed the curbs in Browncroft except the newer Elm District. Assessment did not include sidewalks. Quite a few streets still have the original curbs. Bob has a potential volunteer to take on follow up. Linda met with Norm Jones from city environmental services. Elaine Spauld says City Council has perception that our neighborhood gets more resources than others. If approved, work couldn't be done before 2019. Crowned roads and curbs would be done at the same time. There is mixed enthusiasm for the project. Jane suggests approaching City Engineer to explore all the issues. Bob suggested that if no board member wants to lead the effort, Board could offer to support residents who are passionate about it. City does not routinely go through and replace city curbs, except for special reasons.

Bob's Motion: board has investigated, board will support any resident who wants to explore. Jane to call city and explore the requirements, then the BNA can make this information available to anyone who wants to follow up.

- Neighbor paying for School 46 repairs – Bob S.

A resident wants to donate money to the school to fix playground equipment, but can't get any action from the school. Linda will email the school principal for status.

- Home for a Lifetime update – Ann W./Joyce M.

Ann reported an increase in both miles and hours driven in 2016 over 2015 fiscal year. Ann will submit a report for the Crier.

- Movie in the Park update – Jim N.

Saturday August 20th @ 8pm at the Rose Garden: Empire Strikes Back. Permits have been secured. Jane suggested getting individual boxes of pre-popped corn, which Linda will buy.

- New Neighbor Packets update – Deborah C./Olga W.

They are ready. Cassy suggest adding packet about Historic District/tax credits for improvements.

- Rep for Merchants and Elmcroft update – Jim N.

Merchants and Elmcroft are back to full complement of representatives. For detail see the Master List.

- Picnic debrief – Linda

Attendance was down somewhat this year with about 25-30 people attending.

- Fall Newsletter – Cassy P.

Deadline is mid-September for October distribution.

- Garden Tour – debrief – Shari, Jane and Jim

Tour was well attended except that the heat was a detriment. Shari wants to do this yearly. Lots to consider such as day, time, do every other year opposite garage sale? Jane said several people who didn't participate will do it next time. If we do annually then we need a solid anchor; Shari B. volunteered to lead. Jane suggested concentrating on a single street, etc., or one district. Street reps to canvass their area for interest.

- Book Project for School 46 – Ann K.

Enthusiasm for this project. Ann has received 27 books plus donations to buy more. Suggestion made to consider a holiday sock/mitten drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rat issue in Elm District - Jim N.

One neighbor has a rat problem. This is a city-wide problem. County has jurisdiction. Rats attracted to piles of leaves and debris, water sources, bird seed under feeders, and unsecured food in chicken coops. Rats bring snakes.

- Fall Membership Meeting (October 26) – Linda

Need topic/speaker. Jane: thinks new people need information about the neighborhood, also explanation of the

NextDoor app. "Putting garden to rest for the winter" suggested as main topic and Jane to contact Broccolo to solicit speaker. Sandy will ask Marie at Good Shepherd to see if that space is available.

- Replacement of missing street sign (\$150.93) – Linda Done.
- Succession Plan for Board - Holly
Current Board members should look for potential new officers to see if they could attend meetings now to build up their confidence and experience before starting a new post.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Siple

- Membership Drive – Oct 1- Dec 20, 2016
- Rose Garden Clean-up – Oct 22 > 10:00 am -2:00pm
- Next Board Meeting – Wed. October 19 – Faith on Fire Church 7:00-8:30 pm
- Fall membership meeting – Wed. October 26 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on N. Winton Road, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Executive Committee Meeting – Wed. November 16, Faith on Fire Church 7:00-8:30 pm
- Board Meeting – Wed. December 21 - Faith on Fire Church 7:00-8:30 pm
- 2017 Winter Gathering – Friday, January 20 @ Glendoveer's. Details to come.
- Browncroft Garage Sale - May 6-7 2017 (Garage Sale Czar = David Kaiser)