



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 2023
6:30 pm
Alpha Brewing

In Attendance (Presence indicated by ☑ - Absence indicated by ☐):

- ☑ Deborah Pratt (President)
- ☑ Hope Wyss (Vice President)
- ☐ Robert Boggs (Treasurer)
- ☑ Joe Mazzola (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Jack Hoerschler (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Dan Pearson (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Jim Mayer (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Karen Strombach (Southwest Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Taylor Madden (Southeast Quadrant Director)

President Deborah Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Welcome to the September board meeting.

2. Secretary's Report - Joe

- a. No minutes to review, Jack took minutes for the August meeting, still need to be finalized, sent and approved. .

3. Treasurer's Report - Robert

- a. No report.

4. Re-envisioning our committee work. - Hope

- a. How do we get more neighborhood / board members involved?
 - i. The membership committee decided to do cadence change for monthly meetings, to get new groups of people engaged.
 - ii. Plan to introduce "Clubs" that can be co-hosted, versus board sponsored, board would support individuals, rather than the board trying to run.
 - iii. Spreading knowledge of TGSNA, to increase awareness via Door Hangers.
 - iv. Thinking of making the Planning Committee part of board responsibilities, rather than its own committee.
 - v. Thinking of making the Website Committee part of correspondence secretary, or its own role. Look for / recruit someone who likes to do social media / website development.
 - vi. Member survey to gauge how people want to be communicated to and how they want to be involved with the neighborhood.
 - vii. May create a new role (or leverage block captains) as welcome ambassador, to great new neighbors, and coordinate national night out.
 - viii. Possible topic / big event would be a renters forum to understand specifically with them, why they rent versus buy, interests, resources.
 - ix. Determine ways to make more grass roots, versus the board needing to initiate things. Provide manuals / resources to do those tasks / connections with members.
- b. Will need to re-evaluate bylaws as part of this, consider multiple year terms for vice & president roles(s) and stagger the terms. Possibly president elect and past president. Target updates in Jan/Feb, release for vote in March, ahead of April elections.
- c. Susan does well with taking information from general meetings back to her blocks, and getting more engagement at her level.

5. TGSNA Door Hangers & Membership - Debi

- a. Debi showed a door hanger that the team worked on, will be sending out to board for review and comment.

6. September General Meeting (September 20) - Debi

- a. The first social event of the year will be an outdoor movie night hosted at the Flo Art collective.

7. National Night Out (October 3rd) - Debi

- a. National night out is the same night as the regularly scheduled board meeting. All agreed to move the meeting to Monday 2nd and make it virtual.
- b. Bob Nelson invited national night out.
- c. Plan to contact Christian to see who is registered, and plan to have board members attend as many as possible with brochures.

8. October "Big Topic" General Meeting (October 18th) - Debi

- a. Big topic for month is Transportation
- b. Update on North/South metrolink.
- c. Possibly someone from Metro, Great Rivers Greenway, bistate, metro, MODOT, Trailnet, Denis Beganovic of Community Mobility Committee, etc.

9. Review New TGSNA Email Process - Dan

- a. Spoke briefly today, but will present at the next meeting.
- b. Discussed the need for individual emails versus people's personal email addresses.
- c. Generic email addresses allow the past members from having to forward emails, history of emails (not personal but shared generic emails).

10. Misc updates / Upcoming Events

- a. SLACO Event: This saturday, still have 3 tickets available.
- b. December board meeting, hope will host, and coordinate what everyone is bringing this time.
- c. Planning on a holiday giving tree with the larger 6th ward, not just TGSNA.
- d. Screaming eagle coordinating fanning community update meeting for September 28th at carpenter at 6pm.
- e. Discussing the SLACO Great Neighbors event, we were paired with Vandeventer, roughly 8 people from both neighborhoods.
- f. Sunday October 1st Tower Grove Park Native Plant Sale 10-2, roman pavilion saint louis audubon organization in collaboration with tower grove park. Dan shared a flier to share with membership. Fall is the best time to plant native plants.
- g. Fish Fry at Debis house for Sierra Club on October 14th anytime after 2pm, till fish is gone.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary

Upcoming Events

TGSNA General Meeting; Wednesday, 6:30 PM September 30th at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

TGSNA Board Meeting; Tuesday, 6:30 PM October 3rd Alpha Brewing.