



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2022
6:30 pm
Virtual Meeting, Via Zoom

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

- ☑ Tony Parise (President)
- ☑ Deborah Pratt (Vice President)
- ☑ Robert Boggs (Treasurer)
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☑ Leah Sweetman (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Thomas Pratt (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ William Anthony Fogus (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Rene Vega (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director)

President Tony Parise called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. Secretary's Report

Rose made a motion, and Rene seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the March Board meeting. The Board approved the minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Robert reported a balance of \$1751.83. There is \$234.52 in the PayPal account. We could consider reopening our P.O. Box in the future for things like for STL Giving Day and the future Dog Park, which could split the cost.

3. Update on Board Members' annual Goals

Robert: Add more members by participating in events. Hindered by pandemic.

Debi: Develop annual events calendar. She is working on it now and building inclusive events.

Adam: Do more outreach. There were Happy Hours at different businesses.

Liz: Knock on doors. Liz will continue to do so in the coming year.

Rose: Meet in person. Will post signs soon to meet at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

Tony: Goal of 100 members. Membership is still difficult to calculate.

Leah: Bring Mayor to a TGSNA meeting. This is a follow-up to Rene's written letter to the Mayor. We are working to confirm Mayor Jones for an upcoming meeting.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Fundraising-Robert and Debi reported that there is a continued pause on events. The TGSNA flyers are now printed. The committee is reaching out to summer events for table spots. Pride, Festival of Nations, and South Grand Fall Fest are key neighborhood events. They will focus on one key fundraiser for the year, with Board support.
- b. Good Neighbors-Adam and Debi reported that they continue to revisit the renaming of the committee. Events have been mostly social. The Committee met with good attendance, in person. Due to the pandemic, their only real strength is to create events. They will focus on what is enjoyable and comfortable and will propose diverse ideas for activities. Examples: Meet the neighbors, come out to play, coming out party, social committee. They will come up with a list and promote it through social networks and work with the Website/Digital Media committee to promote. They can also work with Quadrant Directors.
- c. Website/Digital Media-Rose reported that they are continuing to research a new website host. There are pros of each, including features. They are also figuring out what Rose's role is and what is the Committee's role.
- d. Beautification-Debi reported that Tom met with Eco Crew. They gave tips for both Marti's Garden and the Tholozan Garden. There will be a meeting with Operation Brightside on May 12. Tom also met with the We Hate Trash people. A City-wide event will be held in June. Tom met with Joe Grailer. They will work together on gardening.
- e. Membership-Tony reported that the new TGSNA brochure has been printed, and it looks great!
- f. Programming-Tony gave an update on the April General meeting. Officer Walker wants to discuss the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Burglary Program. We will put her and the other speakers at the end of the meeting. We will do our welcome first and then hold elections. We will try to meet in person soon and have Mayor Jones speak.
- g. Development- Leah reported that the Committee met and also met with stakeholder Jennifer Florida. There will be a presentation at the Tower Grove Heights membership meeting in May. The Committee has stakeholder meetings set up with Sean Spencer of Tower Grove CDC and with Kathryn Heitzenroeder, Chairperson of Tower Grove South Concerned Citizens. Mark set up a meeting between Screaming Eagle and TGSCC. They met on Monday, along with Alderwoman Megan Green. TGS resident, Whitney Kelly represented the Development Committee at the meeting.
- h. Nominating-Debi, Rose, and Leah reported that we will hold Board Elections during our April General Meeting. Nominations are due April 19. Robert will count the votes as the Treasurer is not currently on the ballot. (Per the bylaws). There will be a complete Board (no vacant seats) after the election!

5. Other Business

Dog Park: Leah gave an update on the progress of the dog park to be built in McDonald Park. Bob Nelson has been busy seeking out turf options. Bob and Leah will meet with Megan next week to clarify processes and steps. The committee is putting together a graphic, Facebook page, sponsor letter, and membership materials. We have drafted rules and are filling in the budget. Leah will send a report with an update to the new board in anticipation of requesting a motion for the dog park to become a formal subcommittee of the TGSNA.

Tony adjourned the meeting at 7:40. Thank you to Tony for serving as President of TGSNA!

Submitted by Leah Sweetman, Reporting Secretary

Upcoming: TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, May 12, on Zoom.