



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2022

6:30 pm

Remove via Zoom

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

- ☑ Deborah Pratt (President)
- ☑ Leah Sweetman (Vice President)
- ☑ Robert Boggs (Treasurer)
- ☑ Rose Moller-Jacobs (Corresponding Secretary)
- ☑ Joe Mazzola (Reporting Secretary)
- ☑ Thomas Pratt (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Mark Abbott (Northeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Adam Mizes (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Joe Grailer (Northwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Hope Wyss (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☐ Karen Strombach (Southeast Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Liz Tegart (Southwest Quadrant Director)
- ☑ Suzanne Chisum (Southwest Quadrant Director)

President Deborah Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Welcomed to the October board meeting, thanks for being flexible after a couple reschedules.

We received an email from Roosevelt High School thanking us for our donation to their football breakfast fundraiser.

2. Secretary's Report

Hope made a motion to approve September board meeting minutes Tom seconded, board voted to approve!

No board votes were held via email, between board meetings.

3. Treasurer's Report - Robert

Current Balance is: 1,123.05 (includes 71.37)

New Deposits / Expenses:

- Zoom Pro (\$149.90) - annual
- Botanical Garden (\$25.00), Attorney Fee for 501c3 renewal (\$245.50)

Upcoming Expenses Discussed:

- Insurance 556.70

Leah motioned to approve the treasure report, Suzanne seconded, Approved.

4. Committee Reports

a. Dog Park - Leah

- i. Still waiting on the city to approve the proposal. Leah to follow up with the city.

b. Website / Digital Media - Liz

- i. Meeting moved due to the overlapping board meeting today..
- ii. Working to get board meeting minutes up to date on the website, for the public to have access to.
- iii. Have we thought about putting out a newsletter, could be part of this committee or part of this? Someone would have to source content from others. Debi meeting with a member who is interested in putting together one, thinking the newsletter would be quarterly to start. Discussion around where to post, including Facebook, website, and email.

c. Programming - Debi

- i. October Presenters
 1. Tower Grove Park
 2. Thololazan Developer
- ii. November Presenters
 1. PTO for Mann School Updates

2. Rachel Witt South Grand Updates
 3. Hope to follow up with a “good dog training” person (Kate?), for Dog park etiquette for November, otherwise it will need to be 2023.
- d. **Connections (formerly Good Neighbors)** - Adam (Not Present)
- i. Beers for Butterfly on October 15th at McDonald Park is the Connections event for October 12pm - 7pm . Artists will paint butterfly wings on the backstop for the event.
 - ii. Event <https://www.facebook.com/events/1094406721211007>
- e. **Beautification** - Tom / Joe
- i. October 15th cleanup of Martis Garden from 9a-11pm. Send details to Hope (facebook) / Rose (Website).
 - ii. Everything in bloom at Tholozan park, check it out
- f. **Membership** - Hope
- i. Hope and Debi are the only ones in attendance at the meetings.
 - ii. Hope is working on small tasks signup list for membership to commit to helping the association / neighborhood.
 - iii. Phone call with Deborah Knox- Dierman, to try to work together on working with block captains, could have a “Welcome committee” in place of block captains in place of block captains. Need a method to get information out to blocks. Angela Vaughn trying to get cohesion between TGH Block Captains and TGSNA. Looking for Joint / New process. Mark suggested working with Urban league or modeling after them on block units, and working to grow neighborhood associations in St Louis. Thinking of having meet and greets for quadrant directors, to seek engagement.
- g. **Development** - Mark
- i. The City is supposed to support our development guidelines.
 - ii. Working through a neighborhood architectural survey, chippewa, lower morganford and Kingshighway. Looking to form a walking committee.
 - iii. Letter of Support Request Guidelines Reviewed & Discussed
 1. Debi & Hope reviewed / provided feedback.
 2. Debi will send out the latest draft of support guidelines, will give 5 days to respond, then will put it to vote, then will give 5 days to vote.
 3. No need to take guidelines to the general meeting for a general vote, due to the fact it is a sub committee vote, not a change to bylaws, and will post to allow members to be aware of guidelines.
 - iv. Mark compiling google doc with links to all other committee reports.

- v. Potential developers on Tholozan giving a followup presentation to one in August, recommend everyone should attend. Mark will follow up. Plan to have a brief update, then end the meeting to allow those that don't want to stay. Need to be fair to the church to close.
- vi. Fanning update, no update, turned over to the Board of alderpeople, not in the development committee. Project is moving forward / on schedule.

5. Review Meeting Etiquette guidelines Draft

- a. Need to have the etiquette guidelines at the bottom of the next general meeting agenda.
- b. Debi worked through the draft of etiquette, such as;
 - i. using "us" statement instead of "I"
 - ii. listening for understanding, not just our own points across.
- c. Discussed a possible need to include guidelines for flyers from others, not provided by TGSNA, need to be reviewed before being handed out.
 - i. A couple came up from the last meeting, it was hard to delineate that info didn't come from TGSNA, but was from membership, that it's their stance not ours.
 - 1. One was sunshine requests on Fanning 7pg doc, seemed targeted.
 - 2. One was a graph on crime on 38xx Fairview 1 pg doc about crime after Megan implemented changes, felt like propaganda.
 - ii. Hard to limit what others bring, or try to pre-approve. Officer Walker provides documents (such as crime stats) the day of the meeting, as do guest speakers. Also discussed if we should limit what others can bring, don't want to silence our membership.
 - iii. Our board docs will have the official TGS logo, and will announce it as part of etiquette.
 - iv. Announce that information from others is distributed BEFORE/AFTER meeting on table.
 - v. Documents can be removed from the table if not meeting the civility policy. Don't want to silence our membership to share their information, so long as it follows our civility policy.

6. General Meeting Agenda / Structure

- a. Build-in time for interaction? (e.g. 30 minutes before social hour, board members bring something to share, come early to chat)
- b. One idea thrown out was to create a volunteer of the year, but did not materialize past an idea.
- c. We discussed November's meeting starting with a chili potluck / social. People are okay to do before the meeting (6-630). Agreed that was okay. Only speaker would be Mann School, so the meeting agenda is flexible. Not a competition.
- d. December meeting? Would fall on Dec 21st, either cancel or have a Social with TGH, (e.g. meet for happy hour somewhere, place luminaries and have social

hour afterwards such as the 18th), or Sunday before (18th). Plan to announce at the October meeting to announce holiday festivities, but no meeting for December. Try to find people to be in charge of their block with a sign up sheet.

7. Open Discussion

- a. Luminary Idea / Light up the night
 - i. Suzanne presented a proposal for the luminaria night at the October board meeting.
 - ii. The board agreed this was a good idea.
 - iii. There was discussion around what to call it and when to have it. "Light Up the Night" was decided upon for a name. December 18 was decided upon for the date.
 - iv. There was discussion on whether a committee was needed.
 - v. Hope volunteered to work with Suzanne on the project.
 - vi. The sentiment was that a committee was not needed since we thought it would be a fairly simple project.
- b. Debi Met with Jennifer Discussed
 - i. Block Captains
 - ii. Joint Holiday Event - Look for families in need in the neighborhood to donate.

8. Announcements-Reminders

- a. See upcoming events below

Debi adjourned the meeting around 8 pm.

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary

Upcoming Events

TGSNA General Meeting; Tuesday, October 19th at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

TGSNA Board Meeting; Tuesday, November 1st at Alpha Brewing.

Martis Garden Cleanup; Saturday, October 15th 9am-11am

Beers for Butterflies; Saturday, October 15th 12pm - 7pm