



TGSNA Board of Directors Meeting  
January 3, 2023  
6:30 pm  
Alpha Brewing

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 January board meeting.

## **2. Secretary's Report - Joe**

Need to vote to review / approve Oct/Nov/Dec. Working through getting them typed up and submitted to the team.

## **3. Treasurer's Report - Robert**

No Update.

## **4. General Meeting Agenda / Structure - Debi**

- a. January
  - i. Intro to Christian Saller (new TGS NIS)
  - ii. Trees for Trash Intro - Aaron Dohogne
  - iii. TGSNA Development Committee Visioning Session
- b. February
  - i. Instead of TGSNA hosting alder-candidates in February, the preference is to just announce candidates and let other groups (15th ward dems) host the forums / debates.

## **5. Development Committee - Mark Abbott**

- a. **Slaco Programs**
  - i. Neighbors united for change, should look to get involved with. Neighborhoods partnered, travel between both neighborhoods on bus, and then meet at SLACO for lunch and discussions.
- b. **Upcoming developments**
  - i. Tholozan will come to vote next Tuesday at the development committee meeting.
  - ii. A new request for a four family unit at Giles requests will follow the newly approved development guidelines.
- c. **Response to Nov. 11 2022 Request**
  - i. Reviewing Rebekah's comments, we were going to give a response but Rebekah was not at the general meeting. Debi will provide a response at the next general meeting if Rebekah is present.
  - ii. Fanning Middle School Development, concerns with parking, security, management of property, and use of LITEC (application was denied, will be on hold until a new alder person is elected). At this point the project is held.
  - iii. Mark would like Rebekah to be a member of the development committee.

## **6. Luminary Evaluation**

- a. December 18th, 32 blocks participated, 19 purchased supplies (706 luminaries). Reviewed summary of 14 completed evaluations. Holding pizza appreciation

dinner before the block captain meeting. Will likely do it again next year, form a committee and start sooner!

## 7. Brainstorm/Approve 2023 Priorities.

- a. Board changes in April (Officers & ½ of quadrant directors) need to start forming a nomination and election committee.
- b. Ideas session (Top ones in bold)
  - i. **Publication Strategy - where people can consistently find TGSNA information [8 votes]**
  - ii. Annual Fundraising
  - iii. Outreach - How do we increase representation in all of TGS [3 Votes]
    1. Who do we currently represent, how do we reach people in all quadrants?
  - iv. Active Membership Demographic Survey  
(Location/renter/owner/business/etc)
  - v. Define what we mean by who is a member of TGSNA [1 vote]
  - vi. **Define roles of quadrant directors [6 votes]**
  - vii. Evaluate if development committee is within our mission statement [2 votes]
  - viii. Evaluate / Revisit Mission Statement
  - ix. Evaluate / Revisit By-Laws
  - x. What role should TGSNA have with the City
    1. How can / should we expand our role?
  - xi. Dog park - Overseeing the dog park, what is this going to entail / ownership / participation [3 votes]
  - xii. **Monthly Gathering at Local Business (6 votes)**
  - xiii. Quadrant Meet & Greet
  - xiv. Door to Door outreach
  - xv. **How to get involvement at meetings (Host Social before meeting, Free food and kids toys) [5 votes]**
  - xvi. **How to get involvement outside of meetings (e.g. Membership Events) [6 Votes]**
  - xvii. Leadership from other neighborhoods in our wards, to exchange information / ideas. [3 votes]

Debi adjourned the meeting around 7:51 pm.

Submitted by Joe Mazzola, Reporting Secretary

### Upcoming Events

TGSNA General Meeting; Tuesday, 6:30 PM January 18th at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.

TGSNA Board Meeting; Tuesday, 6:30 PM January 31st at Marks House (or Feb 7).

Connections Committee Event; t.b.d.