



LGA Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2018

110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Lee Frelich, Linda Luksan, Mary Maier, Laura Mattson, John Van Heel

Call to Order – Linda called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM, noting there was no quorum for transacting business. Hence, any voting needed will be done via email or delayed until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Mark is on vacation this week, so there is no treasurer's report.

Memorial Options (Pat) – A Loring Green East resident has made a significant contribution to the LGA, as a memorial. After consultation with Lee Frelich, a small flowering tree will be planted by the bridge. The donor was introduced to Lee and informed of the plans and is pleased. Since this is a fairly common inquiry, suggestions are welcomed for additional appropriate memorials. The Landscape Arboretum has several curving walls to sit on and several have donor names attached. Another suggestion is sponsorship of an entry sign. A third suggestion is artwork. John Van Heel said the Greenway originally had wooden artwork but it deteriorated and was not replaced. Mary mentioned there will be space on the new shed for plaques honoring gardening volunteers and will develop guidelines for such a program.

VolunteerMatch.org (Richard) – To renew our participation, we need to submit a copy of our non-profit status report from the state. Richard will follow up with Mark to get a copy. Richard will also add postings on NextDoor.com to see whether that is an effective way to recruit volunteers.

2017 Board Hours Summary (Linda) – Five board members have not yet submitted their volunteer hours for last year, the tally of which is needed for the annual report. Linda will send reminders to the laggards.

Committee Reports

Fundraising (Pat) – The fundraising letter envelope-stuffing session will be Saturday, April 7, beginning at 9:30 AM. Pat will investigate a holder to place on the Little Free Library to hold donor cards and envelopes to try to stimulate donations.

Gardening (Mary) – Still pending is confirmation of the Target volunteer work date and this year's grant amount. The next committee meeting is March 22. The Tuff Shed installation is scheduled for April 19. Becca Gross is now set up as our professional gardener contractor for 2018. A focus for the year will be to attract hummingbirds.

Infrastructure (John) – John is trying to get a copy of the dimensioned plans that Public Works has on file for the Loring Greenway to facilitate communication. The committee will explore the idea of colorful wraps for the utility boxes along the Loring Greenway.

February 13 Appreciation Event (Linda) – Turnout was high—we ran out of coat space, tables and chairs! The Hyatt outdid itself again with a delicious selection of appetizers and house-made honey. Room layout and lighting were improved from last year. Lee's presentation on the native shade garden (and woolly mammoths) was well received.

Adjournment – 6:12 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 5:30 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room