



LGA Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2019

110 W. Grant, Community Room

Board Members Present – Richard Anderson, Pat Davies, Nick Deacon, Lee Frelich, Gillian Frothingham-Gordon, Linda Luksan, Karen Lund-Brust, Laura Mattson, Margy Troje-Meade, John Van Heel

Call to Order – Nick called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Insurance Renewal (Pat) – General liability insurance is required by the City of Minneapolis and up for renewal in April. Through the Bremer Foundation, Pat found a lower-priced carrier that quoted an annual premium of \$207 (from the current \$250). It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** to proceed with the new carrier. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Last Meeting's Minutes (Nick) – It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the minutes of the January 2019 meeting be approved. **Motion CARRIED.**

Financial Report (Richard) – Members of the Executive Committee met recently with our CPA to discuss desired improvements to LGA's financial processes and procedures. We expect to receive from her shortly a revised proposal that reflects these changes.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that Richard be added as an authorized signer on the LGA bank account, replacing Merry Keefe. **Motion CARRIED.** Writing checks this year will be handled by Richard instead of by the CPA (all invoices and requests for reimbursement need Richard's approval for payment).

Linda gave a brief overview of how LGA donations are received, recorded and acknowledged.

Thank-you Reception (Karen) – The event is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, from 5 to 7 PM in the Hyatt's Northstar Room. Linda sent an email invitation to all 2018 donors and volunteers in our database and will send a follow-up later this week. Building reps are encouraged to personally invite any donors or volunteers who do not subscribe to LGA email communications.

Room setup will be the same as last year. The program will include welcome remarks by Nick, a summary of gardening successes and future plans by Mary, and a presentation by Lee about "mapping alternative futures for Minnesota in a warming climate," with Linda's slide show of Loring Greenway photos playing in the background the rest of the evening. Karen is securing door prizes and nametags. Kaye Barry of Loring Green East has volunteered to help with LGA events this year.

Committee Reports –

Communications (Laura) – The t-shirts for gardening volunteers are on order. The committee will produce another handout card with this year's gardening dates.

Events (Karen) – In addition to the thank-you reception, this year's events will include at least one patio social, a fundraising event for each building, and Oktoberfest this fall.

Fundraising (Pat) – Pat believes Green Minneapolis could be a partner for the LGA at some point. She is researching potential outside resources for this year's fundraising efforts, including the Do-Good mailing house that handled last fall's appeal mailing for LGA.

Gardening (Richard) – The next committee meeting is in late March. Plantings for spring are on order. Target has completed its formal program support of the LGA, but several Target employees are interested in continuing to participate as volunteer gardeners.

Infrastructure (John) – Identity, way finding and, especially, accessible-route signage are the committee's priorities this year. John is also getting up to speed on what's involved in setup and maintenance of the bistro furniture.

New Business – 1) A couple other nearby residents have expressed interest in helping with events and gardening, perhaps serving on a committee if not on the board itself. They are welcome and encouraged to attend a board meeting as our guest to get a closer look. 2) Mary Alyce's re-election to the board last month was as the Building Representative for Loring Green West, replacing Susan Lasoff. 3) The Final Four runs April 4th through 9th, so expect crowds in the vicinity during that time.

Adjournment – 6:05 PM

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 PM, 110 W. Grant, Community Room