



# BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2008

## Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm  
Approval of Agenda, Financial Report and November minutes:  
Approved as written.

Attendance: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Ron Sterbenz & Chad Smude, co-Treasurers; Lisa Mills, Secretary; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2 co-Rep; Jessica Wiley & Rick Carter, Area 3 co-Reps; Christopher Etz, Area 4 co-Rep; Jay Peterson, Area 6 co-Rep; Stephen Harvey, Area 7 Rep; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; and JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor. Also in attendance were Lisa Goodman, City Council member and Dylan Thomas from the Southwest Journal.

## City Council Report - Council Member Lisa Goodman

This month she will host "Later with Lisa", in lieu of 'Lunch w/Lisa at the 'historic' Normandy Hotel. For more info about this and upcoming 'Lunch with Lisa' events, call Doug at 612-673-3195.

The City of Minneapolis will be on Facebook - you can sign up to have reminders/updates to Snow Emergency info to your Facebook. The Council has an animal care advisory board and needs vet(s) to volunteer.

The City of Minneapolis won an Emmy for an 11-minute video they produced on the 35W bridge collapse and aftermath.

Minneapolis has resources for dislocated workers, including employment and training services, career counseling, and more. Dislocated workers are those who lose their jobs, through no fault of their own, due to closings, reorganizations or other permanent layoffs. See the city's website.

## Budget/Fundraising Committee - Ron Sterbenz

January's Board meeting will include a 20 minute presentation of the budget for 2010.

The printer of the Bugle is raising the rates again, we are going to get other bids for the printing of the paper. Ron & Patty will coordinate that.

## Neighborhood Coordinator Report - Patty Wycoff

Saturnalia is getting a bunch of volunteers from Crossroads halfway house.

We have 80 volunteers for the Energy Challenge! Only one household signed up in Area 1. Discussion ensued about how to engage Areas 1 & 2.

## NRP Schools Committee - Lynda Shaheen

The Minneapolis Public Schools Fair for K-8 will be downtown at the Hyatt on Saturday, January 10th. School Choice Cards are due at the end of February.

January 15th there will be a parent-to-parent meeting at BME. Parents of students currently enrolled will be there to answer questions of prospective enrollees and their parents. Child care will be available at the school.

The Schools Committee will meet on the 4th Thursday in January. They have decided to meet quarterly instead of monthly.

## Bugle Review Committee

The committee met to discuss ways to make the Bugle more efficient and compelling. We will meet with JoEllyn to discuss ideas.

## Discussion items

The Board voted to Accept Pat Wadick's request to step down to alternate status on BCV ROC, and elevate Kevin Thompson to fill his vacancy.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 14th, 7pm, in the lunchroom at Bryn Mawr Elementary.

Upcoming Events - Saturnalia - Saturday, December 13th - Downtown Bryn Mawr

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2009

## Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm  
Approval of Agenda, Financial Report and December minutes:  
Approved as written.

Attendance: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Chad Smude & Ron Sterbenz co-Treasurers; Lisa Mills, Secretary; Rachel Banken, Area 1 Rep; Susan Verrett, Area 2 co-Rep.; Jessica Wiley & Rick Carter, Area 3 co-Reps; Christopher Etz & Paul Markert, Area 4 co-Reps.; Jay Peterson & Barry Schade, Area 6 co-Reps; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; and JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor. Also in attendance were City Council member Lisa Goodman, Bekah Padilla from the Sustainable Bryn Mawr Energy Competition, and Dylan Thomas from the Southwest Journal.

## City Council Report - Council Member Lisa Goodman

Lunch with Lisa resumes on Wednesday, January 28th at University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis Campus. The topic will be 'Budget 101' - how the City of Minneapolis manages its budget (\$1.3 Billion). For more info about this and upcoming 'Lunch with Lisa' events, call Doug at 612-673-3195.

## Budget/Fundraising Committee - Chad Smude

Membership fundraising projections for 2009 will be less than we raised in '08, due to the economic situation. We will kick off the membership drive with an event at Cuppa Java, probably on Saturday evening, Feb. 28th. We'll also do a mailing to the neighborhood, outlining our accomplishments from 2008 and plans for 2009.

## Neighborhood Coordinator Report - Patty Wycoff

Patty has been working on some administrative projects for the BMNA and particularly the Membership drive. She has also been working to find a new NRP Chair, so we can stay plugged in to that program. The program itself is evolving, and they are currently working out how to determine membership of the new 'Community Engagement Committee.' We would certainly like to have a representative from Bryn Mawr on the committee.

Patty reports that Saturnalia was a terrific event, again with good participation and cooperative weather. Santa stayed overtime (uncompensated) to visit with every kid who waited, and the grown-ups' party at Cuppa Java was great fun.

## Energy Challenge Update - Becka Padilla

We have 85 households participating - and it's not too late to sign up! Excel Energy is cooperating as promised, with monthly energy usage updates.

Centerpoint Energy (Minnegasco), however, is now hedging on their promised cooperation, and says it would be 'too much work' to give monthly updates - they want to provide 6-month data. CEE & the committee are working to get their full cooperation.

## Update on 2009 Capital Project Planning - Rick Carter

The committee met to consider a list of new ideas, in addition to several ideas from last year. In the end, there were three projects that met all the criteria and stood out from the rest. The three ideas were presented to the Board for input. After some discussion, the Board voted to take on all three, to some degree:

- Suggested banners identifying downtown Bryn Mawr, and a mural depicting the history of Bryn Mawr (also in the downtown area) will be combined into a "Beautifying Downtown Bryn Mawr" project. We will discuss cooperation with the BMNBA on this, and possible grants to help defray the cost.

- We also will pursue, in parallel, proactive replacement of ash trees in Bryn Mawr, but only to analyze the specific impact the loss of ash trees will have (where are the trees we will lose), and what it may take to replace them. This information will help in developing an action plan in the future. It is not a question of whether, but when we will lose all of the ash trees in Bryn Mawr to the Emerald Ash Borer, which has now infested southeastern Wisconsin.

## NRP Schools Committee - Jessica Wiley

The committee will hold its quarterly meeting January 22nd. They will schedule additional meetings, if there are any issues raised by parents/neighbors with which the committee can assist.

## Bassett Creek Valley Restoration Oversight Committee Update - Barry Schade

Will not meet in January (the regularly scheduled meeting would land on Inauguration Day).

## Land Use Committee -

Did not meet, as there were no variance requests.

## Discussion items

The Board reluctantly accepts the resignation, effective immediately, of Robert Lindquist as Area 5 representative. We thank Robert for his years of service to the BMNA!

The Hour Car group is still pursuing a hub in Bryn Mawr, but having a difficult time finding a parking spot for the car.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 11th, 7pm, in the lunchroom at Bryn Mawr Elementary.

Upcoming Events - Membership Drive kick-off event at Cuppa Java, Saturday, Feb 28th.



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## Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area	February 9 February 23	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	February 2 February 16	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		February 3 February 17

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without.  
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