



BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board Minutes, February 11, 2009

Present:

Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Chad Smude, Ron Sterbenz, Co-Treasurers; Linda Shaheen, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Christopher Etz, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5, Jay Peterson, Area 6; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle. Also in attendance were Dylan Thomas from the Southwest Journal and Michael Kotch from the Mpls Mirror.

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM in the Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria. A quorum was present.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Minutes of last month's meeting
- Today's agenda

City Council Report

- Lisa Goodman Distributed the Ward 7 e-news.
- Discussed ash bore crisis being addressed by the city.
- Lunch with Lisa will focus on the city budget.
- There were 66 applicants for the community engagement committee. There were 7 picked; there is one representative from the 7th ward

Neighborhood Coordinator Activity Report - Patty Wycoff

- Holding our first ever membership party at Cuppa Java on February 28.
- Discussed Kenwood ice skating get together. Would like to try to do one in Bryn Mawr next year.
- Seventy Bryn Mawr kids skied in the Loppet.

Update on BMNA Projects

Energy challenge

No report from energy challenge.

Downtown Bryn Mawr facelift

Downtown Beautification- Business association is not supportive of producing a mural. Discussed issues with installing banners. They would

have to be put up and replaced by public works if they are on city light poles. This increases the cost. Discussed the possibility of replacing lights at the intersection. Explored Great Streets Grants. The grants will not be used to support replacing lights according to Lisa Goodman. We may be able to use the two old semaphore light poles for something; perhaps something similar to the Grand Round signs. Marlin will talk with Jeff in the business association about another recommendation for the business area, then ask the Capitol Committee to regroup.

Update on Bugle review

The Bugle review committee met with members from the fundraising committee. Agreed to reframe mission, purpose, and vision of Bugle. Determined four major objectives to look at: quality, distribution, community involvement and cost. Committee members will articulate expectations for business management, editorial content, and production. Treasurer will confirm Bugle budget. A 6-month contract with the current editor was approved. Discussed reviewing contracted services of Bugle editor and neighborhood coordinator every two years.

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee -

Possehl reported. A variance was requested by Studio 411. Approval requested by land use committee. Moved by Jay, seconded by Chris. Approved by board.

Traffic-

No report

Parks & Rec-

No report

Schools

Shaheen reported.
- Committee discussed NRP money designated for schools and parks. May be able to support playground equipment or public safety measures around the parking lot. Discussed starting a volunteer pool from the neighborhood to help with literacy and math at the schools. Sports Arts program-will meet Com-

munity Ed Advisory to find out what is be recommended this year.

- PTA requested cash donation from BMNA for Family Fun Night-March 27- Moved by Jay, seconded by Chris, approved.

- Open community meetings scheduled during February to discuss potential bussing changes throughout the city. The district is trying to find a sustainable bussing program. Can no longer afford to bus throughout the city.

Budget and Fund Raising-

Membership letters going out this week.

Treasurer's Report-

Budget adoption postponed until March.

Reports from BMNA Representatives to Affiliate Groups

- ROC- no report
- SWLRF-no report

Discussion Items and Announcements

- Lisa Mills will be taking a maternity leave; Jessica will substitute for her.

- Odd number area reps are up for election this year, also secretary, vice president and treasurer positions. Chad and Ron will not be running for treasurer. Rachel will not be running as area 1 rep. We plan to distribute membership responsibilities to area reps. Dave Logsdon has stepped in as area 5 rep.

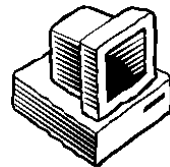
- Morris Engle and Scott MacLaughlin and will take over as co-reps for NRP.

- April meeting. Larry moved, Jay seconded to move the meeting to April 15. Approved.

- March 14 community building activity for BMNA board at Wiley's.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM

Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Lisa Mills



From the Editor

When times get tough, it is more important than ever that we take care of each other. In Bryn Mawr, I feel like we really support one another. I am personally connected to a "village" of parents whose 3rd-5th grade daughters freely flow between our various yards, cars and dinner tables.

This feeling of community comes easily to us. But what does it take to feel similarly connected to people whose life experience and skills differ greatly from our own?

Former vice presidential candidate, Sarah Palin's agenda was to improve the educational experience of children with special needs. When I heard this, I knew immediately that I wanted to invite her to Anwatin to see the classroom where her son with Downs Syndrome would be so well cared for and educated.

Mrs. Kruc teaches students with DCD (Developmental and Cognitive Delay). Though her innovative partnering and commitment to service learning, she gives her students experiences that show them how they can participate and contribute.

Her students DO the service, not have the service done for them. They raise money and collect food for hungry people. They collect the school's recycling, count and distribute the newsletter, and do their own laundry. Last year, they even made costumes for the school musical.

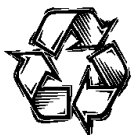
Mrs. Kruc changes attitudes of those around her by the way she interacts with her students. Other than making adaptations for their particular challenges, she treats her students like any other middle schooler. They have lockers, schedules and homework planners. They are expected to observe the school's dress code and behavior guidelines.

Recently, she was taking two students to lunch. One of the students, is non-verbal with a severe cognitive impairment. She got ahead of us and turned down a hall before the lunchroom. Instead of running after her, explaining that she did not know any better, her comment (for the benefit of me, and the other student) was "Well, you know eighth graders. They think they run the school and can do whatever they want."

She does more than educate the student, she has a lesson for all of us. When she teaches a child how to use a recording device to relay a message, she also teaches the person hearing the message that students of different abilities have something to say. This is an important lesson for everyone - all voices should be heard and valued.

The thing she has taught me is we all have more in common than we think and just because a person does things differently, doesn't mean their contributions don't have merit.

- JoEllyn Jolstad bugle@bmna.org



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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area	March 9 March 23	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	March 2 March 16	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		March 3 March 17 March 31

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