



BMNA Reporter

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2009

Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm
Approval of Agenda and May minutes: Approved as written.

Attendance:

Larry Skov, Vice President; Ron Sterbenz, outgoing co-treasurer; Ben Horn & Adam Maki, current co-treasurers; Lisa Mills, Secretary; Scott McGlaughlin, NRP Chair; Lynda Shaheen, Area 2 Rep.; Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Rep.; Dave Logsdon, Area 5 Rep.; Barry Schade & Jay Peterson, Area 6 Reps.; Stephen Harvey, Area 7 Rep.; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator, and JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor & Community Schools Rep. Also in attendance were City Council member Lisa Goodman; neighbors Matt Stark, Shaun Malady, Davis Klaila & Haven Stephens; and Dylan Thomas from the Southwest Journal.

City Council Report – Council Member Lisa Goodman

- Lunch with Lisa on July 22nd at St. Thomas will be an Instant Runoff Voting tutorial, including election of the group's favorite candy bar as a trial for ranking choices.
- Lisa is enthusiastic about the Minneapolis Mosaic Art Festival which continues through August - www.minneapolismosaic.com
- Newsbites - 'Results Minneapolis' - www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/results City's credit rating was recently updated – Fitch & Standard & Poor's give us AAA (highest possible), Moody's Aa1. All three agencies noted Minneapolis' strong financial management as key to earning high ratings.
- Emerald Ash Borer has now reached MN, with the State's first case discovered in St. Paul.
- National Night Out will be on August 4. Apply by July 21st and street closure is free.
- Beware of Home Alarm System Scams going on – especially door-to-door sales. Before you buy, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention.
- JULY 23RD ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Lisa will scoop ice cream.

Patty Wycoff's Neighborhood Coordinator report.

- Permit for Ice Cream Social is secured. Patty needs help picking up ice cream from Sebastian Joe's and Ben & Jerry's.
- The hydrant is finally hooked up at Oliver/Cedar Lake Rd. Greg Lecker bought 300 feet of hose, we have a permit to water the public garden there.
- Monday July 14th Margaret Kelliher, Mark Stenglein, and someone from the School Board will hold a public meeting in Bryn Mawr, about property taxes and how they're determined. Patty will send out an

email and possibly post some information before the meeting.

Budgeting & Fundraising Committee – Ron Sterbenz

- Our membership goal has been met already! We voted by email to approve a supplemental allocation to the Upton Garden for upkeep supplies. We discussed it briefly tonight and confirmed our approval.
- Ron passed out copies of the current budget numbers.
- The Ice Cream Social planning is underway. The event will be on Thursday July 23rd (instead of the traditional Wednesday of the Torchlight Parade). We can always use more volunteers, especially for setup and cleanup.
- Ron moved, several seconded to change the signatories on our accounts from Ron & Chad to our new Treasurers, Adam Maki and Ben Horn. Approved.

Energy Challenge project.

CEE is not coming through as promised with the updates, and the committee is frustrated. When we asked for a reduced fee because they reduced the amount of work they were going to do, they said they'd waive the charge completely.

2009 Capital Project

Sticking with the 'downtown improvement' theme, we are looking at a Bulletin Board sign in front of Studio 411. There's a paved space adjacent to the sidewalk, which is their property. The Bryn Mawr Business Association is on board. The board would announce upcoming meetings/events of the BMNA, and possibly an advertisement section for the businesses to use on a rotating basis. The committee will work on specific proposals/options for next meeting (July).

Bugle Committee – Jay Peterson

The Bugle Editor position was posted in the last two Bugles. There has been only one applicant so far.

Land Use Committee – Larry Skov reporting

There is a variance request for an addition at 704 Cedar Lake Road. LUC votes in favor of recommending that the City grant the request – the Board concurs.

Schools Committee – Lynda Shaheen

The School Board has postponed the decisions about school closings and community school boundaries, etc. The Superintendent/Administration was told not to bother bringing their proposal in May - it would be rejected. So they're back to the drawing Board.

New Discussion items

Shaun Malady is an Area 3 neighbor and a professional Arborist. He saw mention in the Bugle that we were discussing a possible project involving our neighborhood's large population of Ash trees. He's here to ask what we're thinking about doing, if anything, about the Emerald Ash

Borer. We explained that the initial project was just to map out where the trees are in Bryn Mawr, to get an idea how the EAB will affect our neighborhood. His company makes/will sell chemicals to protect the trees for \$28 per year - do-it-yourself. He is willing to host an informational meeting about how to do it. Scott says we have NRP environmental funds unused that may be appropriate. We will look into what exactly those chemicals are/do, and whether it is an appropriate use of funds.

Upcoming Events

- Next meeting, July 8 - not at the school (the church or Accent Signs.)
- Monday July 13th Margaret Kelliher, Mark Stenglein, and a School Board member public meeting in Bryn Mawr, about property taxes.
- Ice Cream Social Thursday July 23.

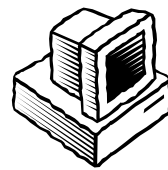


Recycling

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(612) 673-2917

Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	July 13 July 27	
Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	July 6 July 20	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		July 7 July 21
Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without.		



From the Editor

In these tight financial times, the BMNA is trying evaluate how the Bugle can go forward and continue to bring the neighborhood news to the citizens of Bryn Mawr. A fund raiser was the first effort, so I have to thank everyone who helped with the garage sale, food stand and festival registrations.

Thanks too, to all the advertisers who have hung in with us. Sadly, many businesses have found that even \$30 a month is more than they can sustain. With a drop in advertising, it is necessary to look at each editorial item with a critical eye.

If you are wondering where Dave's column is, well he hasn't been dumped (yet, anyway!) He is in France and will be back in the August issue. However, he needs your help to keep his content relevant. Drop him a line or leave him a note at the Market. Let him know what is happening in your household or on your block.

Some things are just too important and interesting to omit. That's how I feel about page 11 of this issue. Every year, many people (myself included) look forward to the July Bugle and its annual salute to graduates. This year, of course is of particular interest to me because one of the seniors is our daughter.

The past four weeks have been a flurry of ceremonies and open houses. It has been hearwarming to not

only celebrate graduates from Bryn Mawr, but also the many students we knew when they were our local elementary and middle schools.

We attended some very impressive honors presentations, but I must say that the actual commencement exercises at Northrup Auditorium were the most moving. I honestly only went because I felt I had to. But two things really struck me.

First, the speakers chosen by the SWHS class of 2009 did not tell stories of teachers or preparing for the future, but spoke of their love for one another. Their feeling of friendship and support was so genuine.

Second, I was touched by the pride and excitement each graduate showed as they crossed the stage. In addition to the the many with honors sashes, most were just in plain gowns and caps. High school is not like it was when we were kids. It is a challenging college prep program and it is truly an honor to complete it.

What's the song? "Everything I ever needed to know, I learned in kindergarten." You know, "hold hands, stick together, look before you cross the street." and "...first the roots go down and then the plant goes up." Well, looking at the Bryn Mawr crop of 2009, I see some pretty strong roots and cannot wait to find out what fruit they bear.

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