



# BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

6:30– 8:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

### Board and Staff

Kate Knuth – President  
Brian Treece – Vice President  
Jessica Wiley – Secretary  
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep - OL  
Addie Arnold - Area 2 Co-Rep  
Allison Batzli – Area 3 Co-Rep OL  
Mark Henry - Area 3 Co-Rep  
Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep  
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep

Katy Kessler - Area 5 Co-Rep  
Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep  
Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep  
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep  
Anne Hartman- Area 7 Co-Rep  
Jay Peterson – Emeritus  
Barry Schade – Emeritus  
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor  
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/Development Coordinator

### Guests:

Katie Cashman - Minneapolis City Councilperson  
McKenzie Erickson – Harrison OL  
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Rod Miller - Area 6 OL

OL - online

1. Call to Order at 6:34 PM.
2. Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
3. Minutes from December 14, 2023, moved, seconded. Motion carried.
4. City of Minneapolis - Councilperson Katie Cashman. Katie shared her background, thanked Lisa for her service. Has been named to chair the Climate and Sustainability Committee, formerly Public Works Committee. Sewer line repair funding on agenda, working on historic investment in climate work. Will sit on budget committee. Meet Minneapolis will be working on downtown revitalization. Activities include forming relationships with other council members, spending two days of strategic planning with the mayor's office. Heid E. Erdrich is the new city poet laureate. Council will be moving a resolution forward to have a cease fire in Gaza. Although foreign policy is not a city responsibility, the City has taken votes on resolutions like this in the past. Will hold a monthly virtual meeting with a neighborhood representative to talk about issues, will meet with neighborhood associations quarterly. Board shared what information they'd like from Katie. Talked about need to work with other boards including park board, school board. Court agreement on public safety reform moving forward. Presentations from three organizations applying. In touch with MPD precincts. Katie asked about a safety liaison. Anne agreed to chair the safety committee and be the contact.
5. Crime Prevention Specialist Report – Shannon McDonnough. Report shared by Kate. All reported crimes were property crimes. No violent crimes reported. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/>
6. Treasurer Report– Roberta Jordan. Shared by Jessica and Kate. Year-end bank statements, balance sheet and statement of activity (profit and loss) are posted on our Google Drive. \$5,065 year end deficit, less than anticipated. Carry over from EEF funds from 2023 to 2024 of \$3790. Year end budget v/s actuals sent to Board members. The Hartford Insurance Company is new carrier for general liability insurance. Premium increased. Using same insurance broker for both General Liability and

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- Directors and Officers liability insurance. Anticipate the D&O premium will go down in 2024,
7. Communications and Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen. 200 Welcome Packets dropped off at Wirth on the Woods. Shared spreadsheet of increase in numbers of users of our social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email subscribers, and views on Next Door. End-of-year donations good. 1200 households, 258 contributed. Donations in memory of a neighbor increased. Brian sent list of new move ins. new membership drive begins in February. Videos on our YouTube channel.
  8. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. Shared by Brian. Working on multiple blood drives, BMNA hosting 3. Volunteers needed for February 9. Secured La Dona, April 11, 6:00PM – 9:00PM for WinterFest, Transitioning to spring fest.
  9. Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad. The 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles/ads. Mapped out production schedule, some months have only 3 days to get Bugle produced and to the printer. Would like more reporting on neighbor activity.
  10. Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld. No report this month.
  11. Committee Reports (as needed)
    - Schools –Colleen Dhennin. Plant sale coinciding with garage sale. Open house at Bryn Mawr Elementary for prospective pre-school and kindergarten students and their families. First Choice School lottery is January 31. School Finder Fair is January 13. Open gym started, every Tuesday 5:30 -7:30, parent/caregiver must be there. Playground will be rebuilt. 2 options. Mock-ups at school. Looking for feedback on design.
    - Active Transportation- Josh Nichols. Met with Dick Adair for advice.
    - Racial Justice – Steve Harvey. Met in December. Did an overview of the Façade Grant. Will contact businesses to let them know it's available. Tentative date for film series - February 21. Short films concerning Black cyclists from the turn of the century. Working with Active Transportation committee. Book talks at Big Hill Books. Rie will be introducing the author of *Being White Today*. Jessica will be introducing Janet Horvath, author of *The Cello Stills Sings*. Brief discussion of the Upper Harbor Terminal Park development.
    - Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade. Happy to hear that Katie Cashman is working with Elizabeth Schaeffer.
    - Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/Dennis Juillerat.
    - Gardens – Drew Quirk. Quiet right now. Plans for 2024. Kicking off monthly meetings in January, meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at Utepils. Would like to bring back the Garden Tour. Soliciting gardens to see about involvement. Brainstorming an event highlighting community gardens.
    - Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jessica moved approval of the 2024 budget, Steve seconded. Motion approved.
    - Elections - Brian Treece.
    - Events – Brian Treece.
    - Community Projects - Jessica Wiley. Soliciting projects in Bugle and E-newsletter.
    - Communications - Jay Peterson. Continue to work on the website. Encourage Board members to write a 500-word piece for the Bugle. Could feature a business.
  12. Other Standing Reports (as needed)
    - ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update. No report
    - SWLRT Update. Glass going in the walkway at the station.
    - Wirth on the Woods. It was amicably agreed that the liaison position isn't needed anymore, so Rod is stepping down as liaison. Thanks to Rod for all his work.
  13. Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements. Façade Grant. Steve and Lynda will contact businesses to let them know about the grant. Addie agreed to chair the committee. The Community Projects committee will propose a process that can be used to evaluate proposals. Anne will chair the Safety committee. Brian reported that our Vanguard investment increased 9%. The \$5800 gain was reinvested.

14. Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:           Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Heart Day!**

**Upcoming Events:               Blood Drive, February 9, 2024**

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