



Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
3/13/24, 7-9 pm
MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet

Board Packet Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rDjThrXF3nztMiXthPqrSh5s3jvMHv0>

Members in attendance: *Katie Blanchard, Becky Dankowski, Stephen Huot, Josh Martin, Scott Mueller (via Zoom), Robert Roedl, Dave Searl, BJ Titus, Sarah Tschida, and Emma Wolf*

Members absent: *Jessica Verrall Pischke*

Others in attendance: *N/A*

Meeting Chair: *BJ Titus*

Meeting Secretary: *Josh Martin*

Confirmed quorum (6): *Quorum was met at 7:00 PM.*

Community Forum

No community members were present.

Consent Agenda

Steve Huot moved to approve the consent agenda

Dave Searl seconded the motion

All approved

Katie Blanchard abstained

Empty Bowls Debrief

Becky Dankowski provided an update on Empty Bowls. The estimated attendance was ~550. The total revenue was ~\$14,000. Total profit after expenses and profit sharing with partners is ~\$4,300.

Gun Safety Motion

Becky Dankowski moved the following [resolution](#):

Based on the continued escalation of gun violence in Minneapolis and the country as a whole, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board urges the Minnesota state legislature to pass the current bills regarding Safe Storage and Lost and Stolen Firearms.

Minnesota has enacted many important gun safety policies, including laws that prohibit firearm access by domestic abusers under restraining orders. However, the state can do more to protect its communities from gun violence by expanding its secure firearm storage law and by creating a requirement that gun owners alert law enforcement if their firearms are ever lost and stolen. We are calling on Minnesota lawmakers to continue to fight for public safety by using the power of the gun sense majority to pass these life-saving policies.

Sarah Tschida moved the resolution
Dave Searl seconded the resolution
All approved

Board Member Roles Needs

BJ Titus presented regarding various roles needed from board members and requested volunteers. Emma Wolf will serve as the board liaison for the Garden Tour.

Discussed whether to do ice cream delivery for National Night Out. General support for ice cream delivery if we can get enough volunteers. Will work on a SignUp Genius. General agreement that 15 to 20 volunteers would be enough.

Policy Section

BJ Titus and Dave Searl presented the revised [financial policy](#).

Robert Roedl moved to adopt the policy
Emma Wolf seconded the motion
All approved

BJ Titus presented the [conflict of interest policy](#) for review and reminded board members to submit conflict of interest forms to the secretary. Minor refinements will be made to the policy before the next meeting.

BJ Titus presented a draft [e-vote policy](#) for review. Board members provided feedback for revisions such as adding recording eVotes in the minutes and noting that votes at board meetings are preferred. The feedback will be incorporated into the document and a new policy will be presented at the next meeting.

Annual Meeting/Board and EC Recruitment

BJ Titus provided an update on the annual meeting and board and executive committee recruitment. The board agreed to hold the annual meeting on May 8, with the board meeting for that month moved to May 1, to be held over Zoom. The budget will be adopted at the May 1 meeting.

Discussed inviting candidates for House District 62B and/or School Board District 6 to the annual meeting. Can provide updates on recent and upcoming events. Could potentially sell some Porchfest merch. Planning for an hour and a half meeting from 7 to 8:30 PM.

There will be seven seats open for the board. Very few of the incumbent board members are running for re-election. Think of people you know who would be good board members and encourage them to run. We are also looking for Executive Committee members. Katie and Dave are leaving the board, and BJ is looking to no longer serve as President so he can help train in a new President before he reaches his term limit on the board.

LumberStash

BJ Titus provided an update on [LumberStash](#). This is a local business in the neighborhood that the owner operates out of his house selling reclaimed lumber. There has been some pushback from the city. He is looking for the neighborhood to write a letter of support.

Emma Wolf moved to authorize BJ Titus to write a letter of support on behalf of KFNA
Becky Dankowski seconded the motion
All approved
Robert Roedl abstained

Board Updates

Scott Mueller provided an update regarding GOTV and the Polling Party. There was turnout of approximately 28% for Kingfield, which exceeds the statewide average of 20%. Turnout was significantly down from the 2020 Primary,

which was about 60% turnout. The event was very organized. Utility pole posters are coming down and will be put back up in July for the August 13 primary. The goal is three tents for the primary.

Steve Huot provided an update regarding Porchfest. There is already significant interest from musicians. Aiming for about 40. Merch is worked out. Will be available ahead of time online, and will have a stash available at "PorchFest Central." Will have volunteers to staff it in shifts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.