

Lancaster Northeast Neighbors United Board Meeting

June 18th, 2020, 7:00 PM

<https://meet.jit.si/nulanc-board-20200507>

Attendees

Board

- Tim Freund
- Carl Feldman
- Alex King
- Katie Chaffinch
- Steve Garner
- Kendra Saunders
- Andrew Whalen

Guests and Neighbors

- Chris Wenden (Advoz)
- Noah Miller
- Karen Gifford
- Andrew Lefever

Agenda

Program:

1. Advoz + Q&A

Follow-up

1. Approval of May 2020 Minutes
2. Lancaster Neighborhood Grant application status
3. STEM opportunities with Science Factory and Ebenezer Baptist
4. Pretty Porch Contest
5. Vision Zero

New Business

6. Officer Election
 - Current Nominations:

- President: Tim
 - Secretary: Andrew
 - Treasurer: Steve
7. Conflict of Interest Policy: vote on acceptance
 8. Motion to file 1023-EZ form
 9. Motion to open:
 - Fulton non-profit checking account
 - Stripe payment processing account
 - Donorbox giving platform account

Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Tim.

Advoz Presentation

Approval of May 2020 Minutes

The [May 2020 Minutes](#) were approved unanimously.

Lancaster Neighborhood Grant application status

The board wrote a neighborhood grant application for a project called [Connecting Offline](#). If approved we'll build upon Carl's email newsletter and distribute it in paper form on three outdoor bulletin boards throughout the neighborhood and indoor bulletin boards at our local houses of worship. We requested feedback from the city on our application but did not receive any. The official submission will occur after our meeting tonight.

STEM opportunities with Science Factory and Ebenezer Baptist

The Science Factory is running STEM camps this summer, and there are scholarship funds available for students within our neighborhood. Tim has contacted the Science Factory and mentioned our interest in connecting students in need with computing technology.

Carl learned that Ebenezer Baptist was looking to create STEM resources for children in the neighborhood. Tim had a meeting with Rev. Forbes about the project and will be working to help them get up and running.

Pretty Porch Contest

We have a total of 30 entries, and Kendra will be taking photos on Sunday. She will need to coordinate backyard access for a couple of the entries.

Alex has ordered the signs, and they should arrive in the middle of next week.

Vision Zero

Lancaster is engaged in Vision Zero to reduce pedestrian and cyclist fatalities and serious injuries to zero. The city is forming a citizens' committee to guide the project, and they're looking for input from each quadrant of the city. Noah Miller and Steve Garner have volunteered to join the committee, and we will forward their names to our liaisons.

Officer Election

We received the following nominations ahead of the meeting:

- President: Tim Freund
- Secretary: Andrew Whalen
- Treasurer: Steve Garner

Alex King makes a motion to pass the slate as a whole. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Accounts

Motion to open

- Fulton Bank non-profit checking account
 - The president and treasurer shall have direct access, and checks shall require two signatures.
- Stripe payment processing account
- Donorbox giving platform account

No objections were encountered. Andrew makes the motion to approve the action, Alex seconds, and it is unanimously approved.

Conflict of Interest Policy

The [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) has been reviewed by the group.

Point of clarification: the policy requires all board members and any individual with financial responsibility within the organization to attest to their conflicts and potential conflicts in relation to the organization. As active members in our community we will all likely have potential conflicts. This policy ensures that the potential conflicts are known ahead of time so that the organization can make decisions based on their merits rather than being influenced by board members with conflicting interests.

Kendra makes a motion to accept the conflict of interest policy, Alex seconds the motion, and it is approved unanimously.

Motion to file 1023-EZ

The board agreed unanimously to move forward with the 1023-EZ filing. Once successfully filed we'll be recognized as a 501(c)(3). Tim will prepare the filing.

National Night Out

Cancelled due to COVID: the city may potentially grant permits for smaller gatherings once the county is green, but we do not expect to get approval for our typical event.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 23rd at 7:00. A video URL will be distributed to the group.

Outreach

One of our goals for the year was outreach to organizations within our neighborhood. The importance of this was reinforced this week when Tim met with Ebenezer Baptist: Rev. Forbes said that he missed Neighbors United being in the neighborhood despite us still being around.

Carl will assemble a list of organizations within the neighborhood. Once cataloged we will:

- Make initial contact: provide some info about NNU, ask about their work, offer to keep our eyes and ears open for collaboration opportunities within the city.
- Ensure they get the monthly newsletter.
- Make contact every three months or more often to renew the bond.

Board members can adopt relationships of organizations that are near to them (physically or due to interests).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26