



Lancaster Northeast Neighbors United Board Meeting

July 23rd, 2020, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting:

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Attendees

Board

- Katie Chaffinch
- Carl Feldman
- Tim Freund - President
- Steve Garner - Treasurer
- Alex King
- Kendra Saunders
- Aimee Strunk (*absent*)
- Rodney Upsher (*absent*)
- Andrew Whalen - Secretary

Guests and Neighbors

- Camille Hopkins (George Ross Elementary School)
- Brandeis Gary (George Ross Elementary School)
- Christian Cassidy-Amstutz (City of Lancaster)
- Barbara Fuchs, Karen Gifford, Todd Gusler, Heather, Kate De Haven-Freund, Kayla, Kristi, Joy Whalen, Myka

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Tim Freund.

Program:

1. Town Hall Presentation by Camille Hopkins - Principal of George Ross Elementary School
Principal Camille Hopkins is recognized as a Distinguished Principal by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and National Institute for School Leadership. Her commitment to the well-being and success of her students and their families is evident in her daily interactions with her team and parent volunteers. We learned about the steps that the team at Ross is taking to help students return in the Fall, including scheduling, school supports, community resources, cyber programming, and after school programs; and how her team continues to be a positive force in the community. Principal Hopkins was joined by Brandais Gary - Guidance Counselor and Kathryn Chaffinch - Student and Family Resources Specialist.

Old Business:

1. [June 2020 Minutes](#) were approved unanimously. - Andrew
2. Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously. There is \$2,300 in our account. - Steve
3. Lancaster Neighborhood Grant "Connecting Offline" application status and need for volunteers - Alex

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.

Alex updated the board with progress and answered questions. The grant money needs to be spent by the end of August. Tim will purchase office supplies (printer and paper), the City will coordinate with us placement of bulletin board at Sixth Ward Park, we will organize a work day to install the bulletin boards. We discussed offering a Spanish translation of the newsletter.

4. STEM opportunities with Science Factory and Ebenezer Baptist -Tim

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.

Ebenezer Baptist is 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.

5. Pretty Porch Contest Winners and Thanks- Kendra and Alex

23 total homes entered -- some in multiple categories. Awards for Superior Stoop, New Entry, Prettiest Porch, Best Garden

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6. Vision Zero update - Steven

The City of Lancaster is joining cities across the world in the Vision Zero movement to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. To achieve this ambitious goal in Lancaster by 2030, we are working with our community and partners to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan to make our streets safe for all people in Lancaster.

7. Update on incorporation and non-profit status. - Tim

It will take approximately 30 days for our status to update. Hopefully, Tim will have a better idea at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. Neighborhood Organization Outreach

One of our goals for the year was outreach to organizations within our neighborhood. The importance of this was reinforced 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) adding to the growing list of institutions for outreach, including faith-based groups and schools.

2. Discussion of fundraising and co-branding opportunity with a local coffee roaster. Board agreed it was a great idea, but members did not want to favor any one coffee roaster when there are so many good establishments already. No decision made at this moment.
3. Discussion of hosting a neighborhood musical theatre event featuring PRiMA at Sixth Ward Park in September. Given the current hold on public gatherings, we will contact the City to see if this is even a possibility.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 7pm.