



Lancaster Northeast Neighbors United

Board Meeting

October 22nd, 2020, 7:00 PM

In-person and live streamed: <https://fandm.zoom.us/j/93184074397>

[LNNU 2020 Annual Meeting - YouTube](#)

Attendees

Board

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

Neighbors

- Denise, Sami, Elizabeth, Noah, Kristen, Feleen, Karen, and Electra (Katie's greyhound)

After remedying a technical difficulty, the meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Tim Freund.

1. [August 2020 Minutes](#) were approved unanimously. Kendra motion. Alex second.
2. [Treasurer's Report](#) was approved.
3. Financial Update.
4. Highlights from the past year and thoughts about the upcoming year from Board President Tim Freund.
 - a. Becoming a corporate entity took the bulk of our time this year, but now it is a matter of maintaining our non-profit status. We will be able to devote our full efforts to community building.
 - b. COVID-19 made it difficult to do things the way we've always done; however, it created opportunities for neighbors and neighborhood institutions to help one another. A good example was Ross UMC's food distribution.
 - c. Recognizing that 30% of our neighbors do not have reliable internet, we made greater efforts to connect by installing bulletin boards at well-travelled locations thanks to funding from a grant.
 - d. We were able to bring excellent content to our meetings including a Mediator, the Principal of Ross Elementary School, and the Mayor with City Staff. We discussed possible topics for future meetings, including: LGH (John Lines), Housing (Sami

Vollrath), Trash (Michael Devaney), City Codes, Fire Safety (Kevin Ressler), Homelessness (Ismail Smith-Wade-El and Rebel Cause), Town Hall style or Meet and Greet with Municipal Candidates, Tree Tenders 5 Year Anniversary (Kristen Thomas), Middle and High School Principals.

- e. What other ways can we support the neighborhood and our City?
 - Ways to continue to support our restaurants with outdoor dining options. Community gatherings that are safe and will help local businesses: possibly a winter wonderland with Food Trucks and Pop-Up vendors.
 - Do more at Sixth Ward Park, possibly a skate park or dog-friendly section.
 - Create a survey to engage neighbors and ask where help is needed or a virtual suggestion box.
 - f. Continue to work with EBC to build their STEM program. Students are running the lab. Make possible connections with Ross Dangerous Dads, Scouts, Lancaster Science Factory and Thaddeus Stevens.
5. Board Nominations
- a. Thanks to all who served including Carl who is stepping down, but will continue with the newsletter, Rodney who is taking a break until we can regularly meet in person and host activities, and Aimee who is taking a break due to added responsibility at her job.
 - b. Board members approved: Alex, Andrew, Katie, Kendra, Steven, and Tim will continue. Karen Gifford will step in for Rodney. Andrew Motion. Kendra Second.
 - c. Officer elections will be held at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.