AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS

27 SEPTEMBER 2016

***The meeting was held at 7 PM at Omega Baptist Church.***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

*“*Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Accepted as included in the agenda mailing.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*The Treasurer was not present. No known expenditures other than the donation checks.*

Police matters – Tony Shultz is inviting a cop

*The officers Tony asked were all unavailable this week.*

***Old Business – 7:20***

NWPB report – Ezra

*Ezra told the group that Lydia and Roger Radcliffe had attended a meeting, and found themselves members. Chairman Greer had re-emphasized that the dues were optional. The NWPB community picnic was less well attended than usual, and some of the school supplies were left over; Bev Rench pointed out that Grace Methodist also makes up backpacks for children, and would be delighted to have the leftover backpacks and supplies. (Ezra will arrange it.) The NWPB is planning a cleanup in the vicinity of the Northwest Rec Center; details will appear before long.*

Checking account – Donna

*In the Treasurer’s absence, Ellen informed the group that Ezra and she were now legal backup signatures on the DVTF account.*

Revision to By-Laws to pinpoint financial responsibilities – Ellen

*Bev R. moved that the additions to the By-Laws shown in red in the mailing of the September agenda be made. Mary Wolf seconded the motion, and it passed. Ellen will add them.*

Donation update – Ellen

*A check for $25 in support of the MVCPOP conference has been sent to the police, and a membership check has been sent to SABA.*

Manor Place update: Mark Riley & temporary solution – Ellen

*Ellen reported the interchange at the Leadership Forum with DPW rep Mark Riley (his name needs to be confirmed, though) that resulted in Manor Place’s being patched. Quite a few of the trustees were not aware that Manor Place was a private road, and not the City’s responsibility. (And is too narrow to be made into a formal street.) Ellen plans to follow up and try to get advice on how the condition of Manor Place can be managed in the future, since maintenance by the owners of the properties fronting on it (their legal obligation) is improbable. (Nor can the Federation afford it.)*

Cost of bulk-mail permit ($215), and alternate approaches for 2017 – Ezra and all

*Ezra would like to save the cost of the bulk-mail permit. That would require that the trustees hand-deliver all the newsletters, or that local kids be paid to do so. Mary agreed with him that hand delivery would be a good opportunity to engage Triangle residents. Ellen was concerned that the number of copies to be delivered (about 115 per trustee) could be burdensome (or expensive, if given to the kids), and that using the Post Office would be a better guarantee of prompt, reliable delivery. The topic will be put on the January agenda for further discussion.*

Status of / bids for repairs to gateway signs – Bev R.

*Bev R. has one bid to refurbish the signs for $380 apiece. She would like to get a couple more bids in before making a choice. However, she moved that the group authorize her to go with the first bid if she found nothing better; Mary seconded the motion, and it passed.*

Continuing DIY participation – Ezra & Ted

*Ted and Ezra plan to find out when the next DIY meeting is, and go together.*

The Longest Table (Oct. 15) – Ellen

*Ellen mentioned this event, which will take place while she is away; no one made a definite commitment to go.*

***Nominally New Business – 7:30***

Report on Otterbein block party – Ezra

*Ezra was pleased with the results; he thinks attendance was as high as 40 people, despite the rain. He hopes that next year we can make more parties happen in other parts of the Triangle.*

Discussion of possible Community Meeting – all

*No one had any bright ideas for topics for a community meeting that would draw people. Ellen moved that we not plan on one this fall; Ted seconded the motion. No action is required at present. However, it was suggested that we ask someone from UTS to talk to us about its local efforts; Ezra will look into that.*

Consider building on garage sale for neighborhood coming together? Ice cream? – Ezra

*Several ideas were kicked around (even a wistful comment about Home Tours). This topic will be put on the November agenda for further discussion.*

Date for November trustee meeting (see calendar) – Ellen

*The group prefers November 29th.*

Envelopes for fall mailing, $127.50 for 1500 – Ellen (2 years’ worth, since I have some leftovers)

*Mary moved that Ellen be authorized to order the envelopes; Ezra seconded her. The motion passed. Ellen will design a return address with logo and get the group’s approval before ordering anything.*

Use of new/old Triangle logo(s), and wording – Ellen, Ezra, more

*Not all the trustees were enthusiastic about the suggested new logo. Bev R. said she thought Larry Ramey has some experience with graphics, and would probably be happy to help us come up with a less busy version of the current logo. Ellen will consult with him.*

Possible alley cleanup before a bulk pickup – Tony

*Tony said that the Malvern and Auburn alleys could use city pickups, but don’t really need a group effort at consolidation. He will check out a couple more alleys. The group as a whole was reminded that we can call in a request for a bulk pickup as long as the stuff is in a pickup spot associated with a particular address. We do need to check that out for those alleys.*

Neighborhood engagement – Ezra

*Most of the bullets below came up in the discussions reported above. The group felt that the survey was too long, and might be too negative because it asked about perceived problems both first and last. Mary made some suggestions for cutting it back somewhat. It will have to be circulated again for comment, since most attendees had not yet thought about what the survey should achieve and how we would use the results.*

* Put survey into fall mailing? (hope the City will print)
* Look for a paid teen flyer distributor from each district? (engagement)
* Door-to-door visits?
* T-shirts for visiting?

***Adjournment – 8:30 goal, as always***

# Dayton View Triangle Federation

# CURRENTLY PLANNED 2016 DVT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **January 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **March 29** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *May 13* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press May 22)* | *--* | *--* |
| ***Saturday*** | ***May 14***  | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale*** | (various) | 9:00 AM |
| *Sat* | *June 4* | *Newsletter taping/labeling*  | *EFR’s* | *TBD* |
| **Tuesday** | **May 24** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **July 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | ***Sept. 17*** | ***Otterbein block party*** | Next to 606 | noon |
| **Tuesday** | **September 27**  | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson  | **7:00 PM** |
| *Friday* | *October 21*  | *Deadline for material for fall mailing (membership letter, newsletter articles)*  | -- |  |
| ***TBD*** | ***Oct/Nov TBD*** | *Fall mailing prep*  | *EFR’s?*  | *TBD* |
| **Tuesday** | **Nov. 29** | **Trustees’ Meeting AND Election of Officers**  | Omega/Emerson? | 7:00 PM |

This version has 6 trustee meetings (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov) and 1 community meeting (Oct). Meetings are on fourth Tuesdays except for the November one, which has been slid to the fifth Tuesday to miss TG week. In view of the decision to not try to hold a community meeting this fall, the date of the fall mailing has been modified.

NOTE: EFR will be out of town October 9th through October 17th.

*PROPOSED SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN FALL MAILING*

DAYTON VIEW TRIANGLE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY

**We are *your* Federation!** Were you aware that the Dayton View Triangle has a neighborhood association? If so, are you a member of this association, called the Dayton View Triangle Federation? We are taking this survey in order to find out what we can and should do to improve the Triangle neighborhood.

*[Feel free to suggest different wording for this para, or the next]*

What do you think the Federation (DVTF) can do to help make life in the Triangle easier or more pleasant for you? For example, what problems do you see in the neighborhood that you believe the Federation could help you with? What solution do you think would work best?

1.

*(Respondents tend to list barking dogs, drug deals, other crime, and trash as their concerns. Those are all beyond the DVTF’s scope! Still, it would be good to know what’s current.)*

2.

3.

4.

5.

What issues have you asked the City for help with? Have they done what they said they would?

*[This item and the police one below are mostly reminders to people that the Federation has very little power, and the City and the police may be the organizations that can address the problem on their minds. However, if people are getting poor responses from either (which some people claimed), I figured the Federation might be able to help. You may feel these two items can be omitted.]*

What concerns have you called the police about? Were they able to help?

*[I deleted the Q about businesses we wish for; Phoenix has limited money left, and the responses I got before were all unrealistic anyway.]*

**Moving to the positive side:**

What features do you like most about the DVT neighborhood? (This could include people!)

*[I figured this would be good to know for future marketing; it’s not actually much use to the DVTF mission.]*

What could the Federation do to encourage community members to come together? Can you suggest topics that would make annual or semi-annual community meetings more appealing? And is there a better time than Sunday evenings?

*[Please feel free to offer different wordings or focuses for this para or any of the items below. I just tried to reflect what I was hearing.]*

Do you think the Federation should sponsor more community events, like picnics? Make suggestions:

1.

2.

3.

Could you help make these events happen? What role would you play? (Leaders are good, but we also need followers!)

If not, would you at least attend such events?

Would you consider joining DVTF, if you’re not a member? It’s just $10 per person, $15 per family. The form is in this mailing!

*[We could omit this Q, since it will be covered in Ezra’s letter, and reword the item that follows.]*

And even if you can’t join, we’d really like you to be part of our neighborhood e-notification list. The Friends of the Triangle receive notice of events of interest and also of concern (like crime, or liquor-license applications). Please provide us your name and e-mail address:

If you join, would you consider serving as a trustee-representative for your immediate area? (Or any area, actually….) Our Board meets only every two months.

*[This item I now think we could omit. We can pressure them later.]*

We’d also like a little statistical information, if you don’t mind:

* How long have you lived in the Triangle? years
* Do you own or rent? own rent
* Owner/renter age bracket (circle): 20-34 35-49 50-74 75 and over
* Are there children in your household? If so, what are their ages?

newborn-4 5-9 10-14 15-19 20 or older

And now that you’ve been thinking: If you had to choose **one neighborhood issue** or problem that you would most like the Federation to help with, what would it be?

*[Me, I was pleased with how this closing item helped respondents focus. They might have vented about five different things earlier, but this last selection was what the Federation should get busy on first!]*