*AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS*

24 MAY 2016

***The meeting was held at Omega Baptist at 7 PM. Three officers were present, and four other trustees, but we would have had the required representatives of five districts only if two of the officers were counted double (as also district reps) for the purposes of achieving a quorum. So no quorum under the current rules.***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

*“*Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*No one had any objections.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna was not present, but sent us an electronic report. It revealed that we have not yet given Wesley Community Center a check for the charitable contributions made in the last year (about $540), but when we do there will be about $800 left in the checking account.*

Police matters – our assigned cop (if present), others if concerns

*Mary Wolf suggested that we might consider asking a police officer to come talk to us about what might be done to improve conditions on Manor Place (see below.) We will talk about that possibility before the next meeting.*

***Old Business – 7:20***

Garage Sale report – Lori

*Only six Triangle residents participated, although some other residents piggybacked on the sale. Expenses for ads and maps were $75. However, Lori and Bev R. estimated that as many as 60 people might have visited the sales, which isn’t bad for introducing people to the neighborhood. To be discussed further before 2017.*

NWPB report (rep change) – Ezra

*Ezra is now a member of the NWPB (without even asking). Since NWPB is asking all members to contribute money at every meeting, the group felt that the Federation should cover $5 per meeting, with Ezra to decide whether he wants to increase that amount on his own. There was some discussion of the utility of the NWPB.*

Update on concrete pad near Ami – Ami

*Ami explained the history of the pad poured without benefit of permit at 720 Torrington, and the resolution of the property owner’s application for a variance. The BZA finally voted to not grant the variance, after the applicant stated that he was willing to remove the pad and wanted to leave the neighborhood, which he felt had been unwelcoming. It was agreed that we need to try to contact new neighbors promptly.*

DVTF status: OAG, organization, trustees, membership – Ellen

*The Federation is now legal again (at a cost), and is up to date on its required annual financial filings. Mike Dolinski, Delores Robinson, and Steve Burden are no longer active trustees, but given their continuing interest will receive most e-mailings. Ellen forgot to check the membership figures beforehand; they are 52 renewals and 12 new or rejoined members. 29 of the 2015 members have not yet renewed, though!*

Switching to a business account – Donna

*Donna was not present.*

Donations: WCC done? How about SABA & CPOP? – Donna and everyone

*Ellen or Ezra will do something about the WCC check. Those present were in favor of supporting the CPOP conference (now held in the fall). The president of SABA has apparently just bought a house in the Triangle (moving from University Row). Given that fact and the considerable overlap of SABA and Salem Ave. Peace Corridor personnel, the group was inclined to support that too. Ellen will coordinate those contributions.*

Cost of bulk-mail permit, and alternate approaches – Ezra et al.

*The bulk-mail permit (just paid for) is $215 annually, but if we mail twice a year to 750 people it saves us money. William suggested we use our Facebook page to post newsletters. (We do have one, but no one is maintaining or managing it.) At present we have e-addresses for under 20% of the households in the Triangle; presumably a larger percentage have access to Facebook, but there are certainly some that have only U.S. mail. Ellen complained that maintaining a separate address list of those needing mailed copies would be a major undertaking (our label listing has something like 780 addresses, organized by number). So until we know that at least 90% of the residents use Facebook, she believes we need to stick with either U.S. mail or hand delivery. Hand delivery will be discussed again at a future meeting.*

Allocating responsibilities for continuing DIY participation – Ezra, Ted, et al.

*To be discussed in July.*

Newsletter submissions – Ellen

*A deadline of the next day was stated, with hopes of taping/labeling on the weekend of June 4th, and Mary kindly promised to tape at home if the resulting schedule required it.*

***Nominally New Business – 7:50***

Mini-grant for block party, gateway signs, medians – Ezra

*Ezra explained that CityWide had helped him fill out the forms for a $3000 mini-grant application to the City, which could be used for gateway improvement (both signs and planting/maintenance) and a block party all along Otterbein. He asked for the group’s approval before submitting the forms, and received it. He plans to ask trustees and neighbors to form a committee to plan the block party, perhaps meeting in June. He intends to make sure every neighbor on Otterbein is personally invited, and will knock on as many doors himself as he has to. The grant is a reimbursement type, so the Federation will have to front some money. It is also extremely important to engage as many volunteers as possible, since their labor-hours count toward the match we need to have in order to qualify for the maximum reimbursement.*

Possible alley cleanup before a bulk pickup – Ezra

*The group agreed that this would be doable, and we should look at the condition of the alleys and see which one(s) might need it. Later on, we thought that perhaps we could focus on Manor Place (see below).*

Manor Place problem: newspaper carrier holdup, empty houses, private status – Ellen

*Everyone had heard of Mr. Meriner’s carjacking during his newspaper delivery; not everyone was aware that the street was a private one, not maintained by the City. Mary Wolf has walked the street and talked to a couple of residents; she wondered whether blocking off one of the three exits to other streets might discourage the drug dealers. Ellen talked about the potholes (apparently not discouraging enough) and relayed Mr. Meriner’s comment that there were three empty houses (out of ten). Mary plans to ask the police to patrol there more often. Ezra will drive the street and check it out. We need to coordinate our request(s) to the City, and find out what they might be willing to do to help with paving and run the dealers out. The street has the potential to become a real trouble spot, with unsalable houses.*

Revision to By-Laws to permit quorum with only two officers, as long as neither is counted as a trustee – Ellen

*The group thought this would be a good idea, although perhaps moot if we try to update the Federation’s structure. (Ellen now has an updated list of other neighborhood leaders to consult with on structure.)*

Calendar for the coming year, especially the Community Meeting – Ellen

*Discussion of a date for a Community Meeting was postponed till July; only newsletter taping (June 3/4/5) was brought up.*

How can we make sure to contact new Triangle residents soon after they move in? (Or at least owners – is there a current database of sales?) Special committee? 720 Torrington as the example -- Ezra, Ami, all

*Topic postponed till the July meeting.*

Door-to-door resident engagement – door-to-door visits by district reps (see August minutes) – Ezra

*Except for visits related to the proposed block party, postponed till the July meeting.*

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

*It was closer to 8:50, even without discussing some of the most important things!*

# 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 |
| ***Saturday*** | ***May 14***  | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale*** | (various) | 9:00 AM |
| **Tuesday** | **May 24** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| *Wednesday* | *May 25* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press May 31)* | *--* | *--* |
| ***Sat/Sun*** | ***June 4/5*** | ***Newsletter sealing/labeling***  | ***EFR’s*** | ***TBD*** |
| **Tuesday** | **July 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *Sept 23*  | *Tentative membership letter & newsletter article deadline (to press Mon Sept 26)* | -- |  |
| **Tuesday** | **September 27**  | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Where??  | **7:00 PM** |
| ***TBD*** | ***October 8-9*** | *Membership, charity drive, & newsletter stuffing/sealing/labeling*  | *TBD – EFR’s?* | *TBD* |
| **Sunday** | **Oct. 23 ?** | **Fall Community Meeting?** (**and Trustee Election, in theory)** (*conflict for EFR – Bach Soc)* | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM?? |
| **Tuesday** | **Dec. 6** | **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 first Tuesday of December to miss TG week and the City’s Presidents’ Forum. The dates of the newsletters and the community meeting seem to be moving targets.