*MINUTES/ACTION ITEMS FROM TRUSTEE MEETING*

25 SEPTEMBER 2018

***The meeting was held at 7:00 PM at Mike Mangan’s house, 1923 Harvard Blvd., but the weather forced us indoors. Fortunately, his indoors is as pleasant to meet in as his outdoors!***

***Housekeeping – 7:00***

Call to order – Ellen

*Not unusually for a meeting at Mike M.’s, we had a quorum! Two officers and six trustees (counting the Marmolejos as a unit). We also had a guest brought by Paul Humble, Pete Kinney of 1625 Cornell, who is interested in becoming active in the Federation.*

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Accepted as previously published.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna provided us with a balance sheet that showed us to have $3,185.89 in our CD, and $1,738.24 in our checking account. There has been little activity recently, although the fall mailing (and supplies) will cost us $100 or so.*

***Old Business – 7:20***

Police matters – any/all

*Things have mostly been fairly quiet, except for the shooting on Harvard Blvd. very near Mary’s house, and some excitement on Auburn.*

NWPB report – Ezra

*Ezra was not present; Ellen reported that the NWPB’s upcoming agenda reflected nothing novel.*

Report on Phoenix Next Advisory Committee meetings – Ellen

*Ellen said that the PNAC was having a long charrette-type meeting in lateish October, and probably pulling all the results together and turning them into proposed recommendations for the direction of development would take long enough that the next public Phoenix Next meeting wouldn’t be scheduled until after the holiday season. There was a question about the security of the garage, which Ellen said she would check on.*

Mayor’s Porch Tour and Commissioner’s Walk – Ellen, Lori

*Lori was unable to attend; Ellen said that Commissioner Shaw told her that he planned to reschedule his walk with us in the spring, and might also come to our Porch Tour. A couple of people present mentioned that they would not be able to come to the Porch Tour.*

DIY program and progress – Mary

*Mary informed us that the Housing person she has been working with most is no longer with the City, and staffing is so low there that none of the inspectors has a particular district any more – the central contact farms out assignments as seems appropriate. She reported on 1517 Harvard, 1731 Auburn, 230 and 300 Otterbein, and 1960 and 2132 Philadelphia. The only definite progress is that 2132 Philadelphia has cut back its bushes so that approaching traffic is now visible. There was considerable discussion of 300 Otterbein, which belongs to a couple who have been living in Israel for 10 years or so now. (The DVT CDC looked into acquiring it, long ago.) The owners want to come back to it, and keep the taxes paid, but seem unaware of how badly it has deteriorated in recent years. (Jerry Shultz says he believes the copper piping has been stolen, meaning they can’t choose to rent it out again.)*

*Mary was also frustrated that Dayton Delivers is set up to say “Completed” as soon as a reported problem has been assigned to a department for action. There is no way to determine what has been done, or is scheduled to be done (let alone when), without placing a call to the responsible department and waiting for a response. In the case of the understaffed Housing Inspection division, this is less than ideal.*

***New Business – 7:45***

The future of the Federation – all

*There was no rush on the part of the current trustees to sign up for the responsibilities Ellen had listed in the pre-meeting mailing. Paul Humble’s guest Pete Kinney said that he would like to help with the newsletter taping and mailing; Paul agreed that together they should be able to take over that function in the future. There was still talk of trustees and meeting attendance; Ellen may not have been forceful enough in saying that attending meetings is not the point – responsibilities need to be assumed, and the only reasons for meetings (perhaps quarterly?) are to report on their progress and to decide on the direction of future activities.*

*Ellen did try to explain why the DVTF needs a designated President (and perhaps Vice President): The City needs a formal contact point (who will be posted on line), and the Federation needs to maintain its non-profit status with the State and the Feds if we are to be eligible for City grants. In addition, an active neighborhood association is one of the City’s criteria for where to put its money, and without officers and other known leaders (and some activity) the Triangle will lose its good reputation.*

*Ellen also explained that maintaining a 501(c)(3) does require certain actions and maintenance of qualifications, and dissolving one is actually quite a formal process. The Federation can go silent for a bit, but eventually there will be consequences.*

Community Meeting this fall or not? (and the calendar) – all

*This question sort of got decided in the course of other discussions; no one felt that a separate community meeting was needed if we made an effort to invite everyone to the November 27th meeting. (Both a print newsletter and at least one e-letter will invite all Triangle residents.) The calendar for the remainder of the year is expected to be as presented below.*

November trustee meeting topics, guests, and location – Mary, Ellen, and all

*The group asked that the November meeting be held in the larger Community Room at the Northwest Library; Ellen will see whether it is available. They were happy to hear about Steve Makovec’s planned presentation; it was not entirely clear whether some contribution from another speaker might be appropriate as well, whether officers for the next year could be identified and presented, or whether the rest of the meeting should simply talk about the need for more community involvement if the Federation is to survive. To be discussed in e-mails over the next month or so.*

***Adjournment – 8:30 goal***

*This may have been achieved; there was a good deal of lingering chat!*

# IF WE HAVE NO FALL COMMUNITY MEETING, JUST A NEWSLETTER

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| ***Tuesday*** | ***October 2*** | ***Mayor’s Porch Tour*** | *Bold Believers* | *5:30 PM* |
| ***Friday*** | ***Oct 19*** | ***Newsletter article deadline*** | ***--*** | ***--*** |
| ***Sun*** | ***Oct 28*** | ***Newsletter to City*** | ***--*** | ***--*** |
| ***Fri-Sun*** | ***Nov 2-4*** | ***Newsletter / fall mailing prep*** | ***Ellen’s??*** | ***TBD*** |
| **Tuesday** | **November 27** | **Open Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |