*AGENDA WITH MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS*

26 January 2016

***The meeting was scheduled for 7 PM at Omega Baptist. All officers attended, but despite a wait only two other trustees appeared, so there was no quorum. New President Ezra Knox called the meeting to order at 7:15.***

**Housekeeping – 7:15**

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*No one had any corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna had to leave shortly after she appeared. She had brought no report, but we will ask her to circulate one before the next meeting. (Our balance at the end of the year was $4220.70.)*

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

*Tony Shultz told us that a robbery suspect had recently been located on Audrey (where he lived); the street was shut down for a while. He was thought to have been involved in the recent robberies of pharmacies in the area. There has also been a squatter living nearby; it turns out that it was a displaced family from South Carolina that knew the out-of-town owner. The police told them they couldn’t stay, but they were able to find alternative accommodations during the grace period the police gave them.*

**Old Business – 7:15**

NWPB report (rep change?) – Steve or Bev J.

*Neither Steve nor Bev J. was present. Ezra plans to check with Bev J. about whether she plans to continue on the NWPB, or for that matter on the DVTF.*

Update on concrete pad near Ami – Ami

*Bev R. read an e-mail from Ami, which said that there is apparently no law against paving one’s font yard, but there is one that says you can’t build or enlarge a parking pad without permission. Tim will keep us posted on how the BZA rules when the case is heard.*

Items from previous minutes? -- all

*No one had any continuing concerns.*

**Nominally New Business – 7:20**

Last-minute addition: The letters from the Postmaster and from Mike DeWine – Ellen

*The Federation was notified that our P.O. Box was supposed to have been paid by Jan. 17th. Donna wrote a check for the fee ($82 if after Jan. 17), and gave it to Ellen to turn in the next day. We also had a letter from the OAG saying that 1) we hadn’t filed an annual report since 2009, and 2) the Federation’s certificate of registration had expired in 2012! Ellen will get the necessary dollar figures from Donna and file the annual reports (on line) as soon as possible. The renewal of certification will require both a check and a new volunteer as Statutory Agent (which is still Bill Miller!). No one present volunteered; Ellen will write Ami, as the youngest trustee, to see whether she might be willing. If not, Ellen will ask around; if no one volunteers, she will. The renewal application is fairly short, and Ezra will sign it as President.*

Trustee continuations, departures, or possibilities – Bev R., Ezra

*Bev R. will check with Steve (and also Delores) about whether they want to continue as trustees, since they haven’t been present for a year or so.*

Responsibility for the Triangle’s DIY program, with Mike’s lower involvement – Ted and others

*Ezra will call Ted. If the Triangle is to continue to be part of the DIY program, we need one or more people to step up, get the training, attend the occasional meeting, be the contact point for complaints, send out postcards, and enter anything needed into the City database.*

Membership stats – Ellen

*The Federation currently has 56 members for 2016. 40 of them are renewals from last year. 7 people are new or have rejoined after not being members for a year or more. 7 more people paid double last year, and are therefore considered renewals for this year! Ellen will e-mail the unrenewed 2015 members shortly to remind them that we are hoping to hear from them. She will then write the people who were members in 2014 but didn’t renew for the past year. We got up to 82 members in June of 2015, and Ellen would be delighted (if surprised) if we manage to sign up that many this year.*

Repairs to sign at Harvard & Cornell or others: ideas or help? – Ezra

*Ezra has examined the sign in question, and says that the bronze-looking material is actually plastic rather than metal, and what is peeling is a thick layer of clear plastic over it. Both he and Bev R.’s friend Kirk will look into whether all the clear layer could be peeled (probably) and what material could be used to cover and protect the bronze-looking plastic. Finishes designed for wood or metal may harm the plastic.*

Choose a charity more closely associated with the Triangle? Urban Ministries? – all

*No one had a strong preference for anything over the Wesley Community Center. William suggested we also consider the Freedom School program, administered by United Way. The schools themselves (summer reading programs for grades 1-8) are run by various churches (including Omega and Grace), but funded through the Freedom School program. We need to look into whether we might contribute directly to individual schools’ programs. Ellen also needs to look into the Center for Urban Ministries’ programs, which would be under the aegis of UTS. People were generally happy with WCC, however, and it may be that our annual charity plea accompanying the membership form should continue to be for WCC, with any other contributions made by DVTF itself. To be discussed again.*

Possible neighbor engagement during the winter – Ezra

*No inspirations right now, other than buttonholing any neighbors you meet! We did somehow get onto the topic of the possible co-op market, which William says is looking into properties near the river.*

Improving trustee and Triangle involvement – Ezra, Ellen, others

* Nextdoor

*Ezra encouraged everyone to join Nextdoor.*

* Facebook? (need manager)

*No one volunteered. Tony and others discussed the possible different focuses of Nextdoor, Facebook, and a website. There was general agreement that Facebook needs to be fairly dynamic, perhaps falling in between Nextdoor and a website.*

* Website (Ellen will focus on this soon, soon)

*Ellen was very resistant to handing off the website setup to anyone else. She has laid out a plan for a relatively static site that would be good advertising for the Triangle, but needs to get her rear in gear. More photos may be needed.*

Plans for next year – all

* Confirm calendar and possible meeting locations now (see page below)

*Bev R. said she would not be able to host the May meeting. Jerry Shultz said he and his boys have done a lot to their back yard, and he would be happy to host a meeting. He would prefer August, though. Ellen will check whether Mike Mangan would consider May instead of August. The dates for the spring newsletter may change if Ellen goes out of town in April.*

* Any ideas for grant applications? (spring workshop & applications due)

*Several people thought we should see whether we could get a small grant for a picnic or block parties. William said we would be welcome to use Omega’s Harvard campus, and he felt something like an Art and Jazz Festival would be really neat – and also fit in with SABA’s plans to make the NW area more of a destination. Ellen will check when the required workshop is, and send a heads-up to SABA and the Festival of Neighborhoods people for possible synergy. The possibility will be discussed again in March. Ellen will also ask Mike the status of the grant application he has been working on for some time.*

* Consider moving to a topical/committee organization (Ellen asking other neighborhoods)

*Ellen is trying to get a more up-to-date listing of neighborhood leaders from Verletta Jackson, so she can write them and find out what is working for their neighborhood associations. The shortage of volunteers for a board has been a problem for a number of them.*

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:35, but some of us stayed until 9 talking about related concerns.*

# 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* | *April 8* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press April 18)* | *--* | *--* |
| *Sat/Sun* | *April 23-4* | *Newsletter sealing/labeling*  | *EFR’s* | *TBD* |
| **Tuesday** | **May 24** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Bev’s garden  | 7:00 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | ***May 30? (TBD)*** | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale?*** | (various) | 9:00 AM |
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| **Tuesday** | **July 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden? | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *Sept 23*  | *Membership letter & newsletter article deadline (to press Mon Sept 26)* | -- |  |
|  |  | *(2015 Festival of Neighborhoods uncertain)* | Harvard @ Grace | TBD |
| **Tuesday** | **September 27**  | **Trustees’ Meeting** | **TBD**  | **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)**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **November 29 (or 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 after Thanksgiving (a fifth Tuesday). The dates of the newsletters and the community meeting can be modified, of course.