At UNO Community Engagement Center – main floor boardroom

Present: Molly Romero, Dave Schinzel, Adam Langdon, Tom Craig, Peter Manhart, Eli McNichols, Rodney Olden,

Absent: Gary Rosenberg, Ellen Shurson, Mary Green, Bob Welk, Raquel Ahlvers, Sara Nelson, Sara Jensen, Fran Teply, Sara Paesel

Call to order – 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes from prior meeting: Motion / 2nd made with unanimous vote to approve. No changes.

Financials:

Rodney Olden distributed financials before the meeting.

The board reviewed the financials with general comments noting specific items.

* Comments were made about needing clarification on Membership deposits.

A motion and second were accepted and the financials were approved unanimously by the board.

One Omaha NUSA – the annual conference is here in Omaha in 2017 around Memorial Day. They are having most of the conference at the Omaha Hilton.

Dave Schinzel is going to speak to the Subway project at the conference representing DMPA.

Dan Rock volunteered and the board also considered Bob Welk to be at the conference to discuss the flower basket project. Generally, it was discussed that we support the conference broadly but can only provide limited support as volunteers.

Dave Schinzel provided a Subway report. All seems to be good. Cameras help. He’s still considering enclosing the murals in casing. The other option seems to be a more permanent camera solution. We still have some funds from the grants for future maintenance. Rodney Olden confirmed that a small amount still is earmarked for the Subway.

VOTE: A motion and second were made with a unanimous vote to delay conversation/discussion about the request for funding for maintenance of the Subway Wall until Jerry Ahlvers can attend the meeting. It was suggested that this activity will likely be in the spring – or at least following the winter.

The lighting for the wall has been repaired and now a request has been made for general cleaning and sealing of the wall – at a cost of nearly $2,000.

Update from Dave Schinzel on MNA – Tree planting is coming 10/7 and 10/22. Webster, Izard, Cuming, Burt streets will receive a tree. Between 52nd and 50th. 21 trees are being put in.

Adam Langdon provided an update on the sunken garden project. Kiewit Grant was declined. The group is progressing with Matt Dwyer at the lead.

The mural project with Watie White is still in the works – but will certainly be delayed until next year. Funding was declined by multiple sources; One grant awarded was the Douglas County VIF. Adam will contact them to discuss options.

Membership – was discussed and whether or not to keep mailing the newsletter. Postage would be saved – Rodney Olden confirmed we would save at least $4,000 a year in postage. Pros and Cons were discussed.

Peter Manhart reported that the Flower Baskets are coming down on 10/15.

Beautification chair – will be determined in the Spring or at least as we get closer to the time when interaction with the city of Omaha will be necessary.

Dundee Days Chair – was discussed that we need to find someone for that role. Sara Troia and Ian (Sara Jensen’s son) were mentioned. We agreed to keep our options open. More discussion to follow.

One option discussed for finding these two board positions was to send out a note to our volunteer list from membership – with job descriptions for the two positions open and asking for someone to step up. The idea was to send that out in February.

Dave Schinzel is coordinating the Candidate Forum at Dundee Presbyterian on 10/10. Starts at 7pm. Adam Langdon will send emails out and post on facebook. Candidates accepting: Alex Gates, Tom Mulligan, Sara Howard, Steve Laird, Marc Kraft, Don Bacon, Larry Roland, Patrick Leahy, Ben Perlman, Craig Moody

Program hosts list was generally reviewed:

Nov. – Open

Romero – Jan

Rosenberg – Feb

Manhart – March

April – open

Welk - May

The meeting wrapped up at 8:45 pm.

Minutes Captured and distributed by Adam Langdon, Board Member