

ETC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2017

Present: Matt Thackston, Jessica and David Windrow, Lisa and Michael Hmura, Susan Marshall, Marianne Mashburn, Kristen Beahm, Lee Turley, Emily Walker, Nanette Bahlinger

President-Elect Lee Turley began the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Merge monthly socials with songwriters' night?

Those present quickly agreed that hosting different activities at different times on different days of the week that will appeal to and fit into the schedules of different populations in our neighborhood is desirable. To that end, it was suggested that ETC host monthly music nights in addition to other events not limited to the local restaurant socials we have hosted in the past.

The creation of an ETC Music Committee to organize the monthly concerts was approved. Susan, Marianne, and Ted Drozdowski will serve on the committee; others are welcome to participate.

This topic led to a discussion of affinity groups. Lee's excellent notes provide details and next steps:

- Committees/Affinity Groups - Announce and explain these at the next member meeting, ask for leaders for those that have none, recruit help for those that do, invite others to start their own, announce on FB afterwards
- Connecting with area businesses - Kristen said maybe to leading this
- Moms/Kids/Family - Sarah has talked much about this and Emily said she was down to help make it happen
- New Neighbors - Lee will take the reigns, Marianne has some ideas for gifts
- Clean Up/Beautification/Road/Traffic - ask for leader
- Inclusion - connecting with other cultures in the neighborhood, ask for leader

Establishment of a By-laws Committee

At the August Membership Meeting, Nancy Gannon Nelms suggested the creation of two new committees:

1. Bylaws Committee - to check/balance the by-laws; and
2. Leadership Nomination Committee - to check/balance volunteer leaders.

Those present agreed that the formation of the two committees will be proposed at the November Membership Meeting; approval will be dependent upon volunteers stepping forward to populate, organize, and lead the committees. If approved they will function as sub-committees of the Steering Committee.

Establish a procedure for approving meeting minutes

It was agreed that a minimum of four Steering Committee members will be required to approve ETC meeting minutes. Votes of approval will be made in writing via email. Minutes should be approved prior to the next ETC meeting.

Walk Bike Nashville event on October 21

Marianne, Kristen, and Ross walked the route, resulting in a slight revision of the proposed schedule: the event will end at Ken's rather than at the Urban Farm. Those present agreed that emphasizing diversity-owned businesses could be a focus of the event, with the ultimate goal of breaking down barriers.

Other items

- Consider featuring a local business at every quarterly Membership Meeting.
- Movie Night has been suggested and everyone is down but needs a leader. Was suggested to combine it with Christmas Party and have in the school gym.
- Neighborhood Celebration update: at the August Membership Meeting, Jeff Jones was nominated to win the Good Neighbor Award; Jeff cannot commit to being present on September 30, but will make every effort to attend. Carol Suzuki was nominated and approved by those present to be a recognized neighborhood leader. Carol has also agreed to enter the Chili Cook Off on behalf of ETC. Lee will organize the team of four that will represent ETC in the Neighbor Games. Marianne will organize ETC's entry in the competitive Neighborhood Showcase; "More People, More Voices" will describe our success in expanding membership and conducting early voting through online means.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m. (right on time!).

Upcoming events

September 19 -- ETC Music Night, 7 - 9 p.m. at Ken's

September 30 -- Neighborhood Celebration

October 4 -- ETC SC Meeting, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Ken's

October 17 -- ETC Music Night, 7 - 9 p.m. at Ken's

October 21 -- Walk the Pike, 3:45 - 7 p.m.

November 16 -- ETC Membership Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Glengarry Elementary School

Approved by ETC SC members Emily Walker, Kristen Beahm, Marianne Mashburn, and Susan Marshall.