

**Active Bethel Citizens
Board Meeting Minutes
Asbury United Methodist Church
October 16, 2019**

Members in attendance: Lin Woodrich, Ethan Clevenger, Janice Kerber, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman, Pennie Moblo, Bonnie Stone, Heather Quaas-Annsa, Douglas Barr, Jenelle Boyd

Absent: Suzanne O'Shea, Yolanda Gomez

Visitors: Greg Evans, Ryan Moore, Arlene, Ed Farren, Ted Vasquez, Tom Schwetz, Rob Inerfeld

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Lin.

Motion to approve agenda made by Heather, seconded by Tai and approved.

Open floor, public comment:

- Ryan Moore announced that he was running for City Council, Ward 8. His primary interest establishing more diversity. For more information see mooreforeugene.com.

Old Business:

- Motion to approve August Board Meeting and September Annual General Meeting minutes as amended made by Tai, seconded by Bonnie and approved.
- 501(c)(3) sponsorship (Lin)
 - o Lin has emailed a draft of the sponsorship letter to Kim.
 - o Heather will help with this effort. Janice will email by-laws to Heather.
- 350 Eugene / Carbon Free Challenge (Ethan)
 - o Tai will try to set up a time for a demo.

New Business:

- Presentation from LTD and City: Moving Ahead (Tom Schwetz and Rob Inerfeld)
 - o Tom and Rob gave an excellent overview of the 5 corridor options that LTD and the City are considering including changes to be made and estimated costs.
 - o The five corridors under review are Highway 99, River Road, Coburg Road, MLK, Jr. Blvd. and 30th Avenue to LCC.
 - o Considerations include walking, biking and transit in the same plan.
 - o Next meeting is Monday, Oct 21 at Lane County Public Services Bldg, Harris Hall, 125 East Eighth Avenue. Open house 5:00-7:00, publish hearing 7:30 p.m. There will also be an opportunity for public comments online.

- Long Range Facilities Planning Committee (Lin)
 - o Heather is already part of the committee.
 - o Tai and Doug expressed interest.
- Process for selecting general meeting speakers (Ethan)
 - o Three groups:
 - Those who have expressed interest in speaking to us,
 - Speakers that we would like to have,
 - Speakers that our constituents are interested in.
 - o Since we only have three general meetings a year it would be nice to have a policy for determining how to choose speakers.
 - o There was a discussion on how to poll constituents. For now, we will bring speaker suggestions to the board meetings for discussion.
 - o Heather expressed the desire to have someone from the Bethel Education Foundation come and explain what they do.
- Finalize January general meeting agenda (Ethan)
 - o Town hall - Julie Fahey will invite panelists.
 - o Egan Warming Center has been invited; we should also invite Love, Inc.
 - o Add a "Warm Sock" drive and FFLC foodcontainers
- ENI Meeting Report and discussion of possible new committee (Lin)
 - o Excellent presentation on affordable housing in Eugene at annual meeting.
 - Eugene's Neighbor Emergency Home Repair program provides grants to residents up to \$10,000, zero interest, that do not need to be repaid until the property is sold.
 - Rental Rehab, low interest loans are available.
 - River Road Neighborhood Association was instrumental in helping to set guidelines for an Affordable Housing project in their area which included sustainable building and incorporation into the community including a community house with programming for the wider community.
 - o Lin will look into joining.

Committee Reports:

- Finance (Janice gave report for Suzanne)
 - o \$325.50 has been spent from HRNI funds for Kindness Campaign lawn signs and bumper stickers
 - o \$4.00 donation has been received for ABC account. Current balance is \$346.89.
- Events (Lin)
 - o Boo Barn - October 25, 5:30-7:00. Lin, Bonnie, Pennie, Duane and Janice signed up to help. We will have our bean bag board and candy prizes, committee sign-up sheets etc, and Neighborhood Watch information.

- City of Kindness Celebration - Sunday, Nov 3, 2:00 p.m. at the Shedd. Lawn signs have been distributed to Bethel schools, bumper stickers have been handed out and more ordered.
- General Meeting/Bethel Town Hall - Saturday, January 18, 6:00-8:30 at Peterson Barn. Panelists to include Sen. Manning, Commissioner Farr, Councilor Evans, EWEB Commissioner and School Board Chair.
- ABC Scavenger Hunt – details to follow
- We Are Bethel – June 6, 2020, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Most of last year's booths are returning, more school bands and Peterson Barn will advertise in their "Barnie" flyer so should be even bigger than last year.
- Public Safety (Lin)
 - Neighborhood Leaders Emergency Preparedness Committee met on September 28.
 - Bethesda Disaster Preparedness Team had their first meeting on October 14.
- Beautification (Doug)
 - Doug will meet with Greg Evans to discuss the possibility of a park on Highway 99.
- ABC Food Pantry (Doug)
 - Has received more shelves from Valley Restaurant Equipment.
 - Currently waiting for approval from Oregon Food Bank.
 - Once we receive approval will need volunteers for weekly food deliveries to the schools. Tuesday is the best day for KHS.
- Business Relations (Ethan)
 - Meets the 3rd Monday, 11:00-12:00 at Farmers Union Coffee Roasters.
 - This committee needs a chair.
 - Promotes an online business directory for Bethel businesses.
- Communications (Ethan)
 - Recycling event added to Facebook and email newsletter.
 - LTD meeting will be added to Facebook.
 - Email newsletter is up another 24 subscriptions.
- Civic Engagement (Tai)
 - Working with Councilman Evans to bring investment into Bethel.
 - Working to revive committee.
- Bylaws (Janice) – no report.
- Recycling (Bonnie)
 - Saturday, October 26, 10:00-2:00 at Bethesda Church.
 - #2, #4, and #5 clean with labels and adhesive removed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 - Motion to adjourn made by Tai, seconded by Pennie.