



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **NWRRAPS Board Meeting – March 10, 2020**

**Board Attendees:** Alan Duesterhaus    Jim Hendren    Charlotte Hanks    Brian Anselmo

**Non-Board Attendees:** Mark Birch, Krista Foxx, Paula Cross, Kristen Hargrove, Jason Butterick, Rose Marie Thompson

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

February minutes approved as written

Financial Report –

Charlotte provided a Balance Sheet as of 3/10/2020 which reflected Total Assets of \$12, 966.72.

Old Business:

- Little Free Library Project – discussion points - Charlotte indicated that we have the library boxes in hand, which includes a guide and construction book. They do not require as much assembly as originally thought. The Decatur Public Library is making 500 bookmarks for use inside the libraries. There is a need for a few more neighborhood locations. Have met with Habitat for Humanity to discuss building more library compartments. There was a thought to issue a press release concerning the project.
- Beautification Committee - Krista created a flier advertising the proposed Cleanup Day in the Central Christian Church vicinity proposed for April 18, with a May 2 rain date. A dumpster is being donated by Pugsly Containers, and tools and misc. equipment loaned by CONO. A couple of thoughts discussed were adding a map of the focus area to the flier, possibly including food, for which Mark Birch indicated he could bring a grill for hotdogs, and Alan was going to reach out to Pepsi distributing for chips/drink donations. Additional yard waste bags, wheel barrows and edgers could be needed. The VISTA program at Millikin has been approached for volunteers.
- 531 S. Crea St. – a Contract for Deed offer was made, but the house was sold to another party. As a result, the discussion turned to related topics regarding whether we needed another approach or different strategy. Briefly spoke about CHDO, which requires a property first; demo listing and upcoming auctions, which tend to be costly to refurbish, or are just empty lots that would require expensive development; a couple of potential properties in the area, like 524 S. Heyworth, 250 N Monroe, and the Mueller house were mentioned as possibilities. A Membership Drive similar to that being used successfully by the Culver House was considered.

New Business:

Charlotte recommended a letter of acknowledgement to an author who lives in the area who was recognized by the Black Chamber of Commerce for achievement.

Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo