

Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association
January 2016 Board Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Hans Schmidt, Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Bush, Kris Mumford, Annie Neal, Jenny Warren, Kevin Wisniewski, Don Bailey, Steven Swarts, Todd Cantrell, and Lyn Bingham.

Board Members Not Present: Mike Loyco, Jim Polk, and Laura Hutchinson

6:30 PM. Hans Schmidt called the meeting to order. December minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Steven Swarts provided a 2015 review. Also, rather than create separate funds for the newsletter, self-insured sign replacement, etc., Steven suggested, and the board agreed, that creating one multi-purpose rainy day fund may be the best course of action moving forward. Discussion to continue. Steven is also in the process of placing his name on the PayPal account, a cumbersome chore that should be completed in the next few weeks.

Newsletter: Jenny Warren suggested, and the board agreed, that we separate November and December issues for home tour advertisers and sponsors. This will avoid conflict of interest. Kevin Wisniewski is getting materials to First Tennessee Bank for advertising/sponsorship consideration. He needs letterhead with the LSNA logo. Don Baily is creating. Discussion will continue about the LSNA logo, in terms of incorporating the new neighborhood sign logo and/or the existing logo.

Grant Committee: Annie Neal suggested, and the board agreed, that we move the grant application deadline from April 1 to April 30. She and Lyn Bingham will also work to create a rubric for applicants.

Public Relations Committee: Website looks great and is hack-free! Kevin Wisniewski encouraging all members to send him content for the website. We will be hosting a booth at the Tomato Art Festival. Discussion will continue regarding a neighborhood cleanup day and perhaps providing more public garbage cans, especially in the Five Points area.

Crime and Safety: Concern expressed about reported crime increase and street robberies. Discussion to continue about ways to involve the community and make newcomers aware.

Home Tour & Shannon Kearney nomination: Todd Cantrell nominated Shannon Kearney to the board. Elizabeth Smith seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nomination. Shannon will also serve as the next home tour chair. *We can't thank Elizabeth Smith enough for her awesome stewardship of the home tour. Thank you!*

Lockeland Baptist property update: The church is selling their lot next to the yellow house, not their lot adjacent to Bass Park. They need the funds to complete a \$70,000 mold remediation project. Their congregation is aging and they are pursuing ideas to remain viable. They will meet in the future with Hans and Elizabeth Smith to discuss neighborhood involvement and ideas such as opening a child day care. Very preliminary talks are underway with Metro regarding the possibility that the city buy the lot from the church so that it remain green space.

Annual Strategy/Planning Session: Saturday, February 6th at 9 a.m. **This will also serve as our regular February board meeting.**

Quarterly Meeting: Thursday, February 18th, 6:30 p.m. at Mad Donnas

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.