*AGENDA WITH ACTION ITEMS AND MINUTES*

Meeting of 25 August 2015

(The meeting was held at 7:00 PM in Mike Mangan’s enviable garden. We had a quorum!)

**Housekeeping – *7:25?***

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Approved as written.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna had printer problems, so it will be sent out electronically. She and Mike will get together to finally get WCC our Christmas check!*

Police, recruiting, and trash matters (& Ecton appt, 1726 Burr.) – our assigned cop, if present, and Steve

*Neither present; Tony Shultz and Mike D. spoke briefly about police actions on Audrey and Ravenwood.*

**Old Business – *7:40***

Checking account change – Donna

*Now that she has the necessary paperwork, she’ll get to it soon.*

NWPB report; cost of involvement – Steve or Bev J.

*The group has no desire to support a $10-per-meeting charge, though they wouldn’t mind helping with one of the NWPB community efforts. Bev J. says she will pass on any budget or planning info when she sees it, and we can decide then.*

Update on concrete pad near Ami – Ami

*The BZA will address this violation soon. (Tim Bement volunteers with that board.)*

Salem Ave. Festival of Neighborhoods – Ezra, Ellen

* Sun. Oct. 4 @ Grace; 3 PM
* Need to help with staffing a brochure table and pouring beer or checking IDs

*Pitch made. Donna said they’d try to be there and volunteer for an hour. No other new commitments.*

MVCPOP sponsorship: $50? – Ellen, Steve

*Approved by all. Ellen to look into how payment needs to be made.*

DIY responsibility/involvement – Mike, Ted, others?

*Mike D. had to explain DIY yet again to some of the people present. Ami has been talking to some new neighbors, with good results. Mike cited the terribly overgrown lot on Harvard, near Catalpa, as a DIY success story – they have removed all the bushes and brush. Mike Mangan mentioned that the somewhat vandalized house next to his has finally sold (after nearly 4 years) for $34K, to a young man who seems to be doing a great job on fixing it up, and is being a good neighbor.*

Plans for Fall Community Meeting – All

* Agreed on Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 PM? *Yes.*
* Theme: What’s Your Beef? or Issue? Better name? How publicize??

*“Bring Your Issue” seemed more popular. Emphasis on working together for solutions is needed too, though. Ezra was hoping we’d flyer, but given the letter and newsletter that will go out at the same time, it probably makes more sense just to push it hard in those.*

* Approach: Identify topics in advance and create discussion groups, with attendees moving between topics/groups?

*Several approaches were discussed, like one topic per table and a discussion leader who solicits cards with 2 sentences’ worth of issue or solution, to be consolidated and presented to the City in DVTF’s name. Bev J. suggested that the people attending would probably care about almost all the issues, so it might be better to have sequential discussion of each, involving the whole room – maybe 10-15 minutes per topic. Asking for e-addresses on each card submitted would enable the Federation to provide individual feedback, and reassure the participants that they’d been heard. To be finalized at the October 6th meeting.*

* *L*et’s choose topics, and also ID handouts: Useful phone nos.? Surveys? Other possibilities? HOC info?

*TBD at the October 6th meeting, along with the possibility of ice cream.*

**New Business – *8:20?***

Neighborhoods Over Politics letter? – Ellen, all

*Approved as originally written and/or as modified just before the meeting. Ellen to send.*

Fall newsletter possibilities – all

*Plea made. No inspirations at moment, but a couple of people might send ideas or articles in by the 24th.*

How to use the extra money we've received – everyone!

* Hire a professional to mow properties with really high weeds? *Negative.*
* Further plantings? Anyone need money for them? (Make sure Judy gets paid)

*Ted said Judy wouldn’t submit a bill, but would accept a check! No one else asked for money.*

* Cornell gateway needs help – volunteer? Professional?

*No volunteers. Mike Mangan said to cut the roses back and give them a year, because roses died back everywhere this year.*

* Any bright ideas on reducing the median-maintenance effort as a whole? (Or gateway?)

*Ezra suggested using weed-suppression fabric and pretty white stones instead of plants. No one was enthusiastic, and Mike M. pointed out that NOTHING other than concrete is totally maintenance-free.*

* Has anyone contacted the City about trees for the Otterbein median? Any trees looking for homes?

*Not yet, but Ted said Judy still has trees in mind for the future, and wants to talk with the City arborist.*

*The discussion also included the median strip on Philadelphia that blocks Torrington. The City hasn’t wanted us to mess with it, but it looks bad. Ami suggested we try to get the City to replant it with sedum, which is low and durable and doesn’t need mowing. Ellen has no time to write, given her imminent departure, so if not one else does, the issue will slide till the October meeting.*

Neighborhood engagement – door-to-door visits by district reps, handouts? – all

*Ezra feels strongly that we need to start reaching out sooner rather than later. He is thinking of recruiting some new neighbors to do this too. Ami offered to help on her days off. Ezra would also like to put together a standard welcome package, and plans to look around and see what we might be able to include in one. He believes that we need to make more copies of the old brochure (6 pages, glossy, full color). Ellen, however, believes that we should begin thinking about updating the brochure, and scaling it back for greater affordability.*

*None of the topics below was specifically discussed.*

* Timing (Saturdays?)
* Survey (print hard copies? Would the City?)
* Offer useful phone no. iist
* What other suitable materials do we have, or should we generate?
* Request e-addresses? How about asking for phone nos. for neighbors not available?

Other approaches to involvement? Nextdoor? Facebook? Time banking, tool/equipment-sharing? – all

*No time left.*

Think about topical/committee approach: maybe no formal officers, more committee heads? – all

*No time left.*

Fall calendar – all

*Ellen asked everyone to PLEASE find a spot on the weekend of October 9-11 to get the fall mailing out, since doing it with only three people, as the spring mailing was, is not fair.*

# Dayton View Triangle Federation

# PROPOSED 2015 DVT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **January 27** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **March 10** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **May 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *May 29* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press June 1)* | *--* | *--* |
| *Saturday* | *June 6* | *Newsletter sealing/labeling*  | *EFR’s* | *TBD* |
| ***Saturday*** | ***May 30*** | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale*** | (various) | 9:00 AM |
| **Tuesday** | **June 23** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Bev’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **August 25** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| *Fri* | *Sept 25\** | *Newsletter article deadline (to press Mon Oct 5)* | -- |  |
| ***Sunday*** | ***October 4*** | ***Planned 2015 Festival of Neighborhoods*** | Harvard @ Grace | 2 PM, tour |
| **Tuesday** | **October 6**  | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Bev’s? Omega?  | 7:00 PM |
| ***TBD*** | ***October 9-11*** | ***Membership, charity drive, & newsletter******stuffing/sealing/labeling******\*\*PLEASE NOTE!!\*\**** | *TBD – EFR’s?* | *TBD* |
| **Sunday** | **Oct 25 \***  | **Fall Community Meeting and Trustee Election**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **November 17** | **Trustees’ Meeting AND Election of Officers *(could move to Dec. 1)*** | Omega/Emerson? | 7:00 PM |

This version has 7 trustee meetings (Jan, Mar, May, June, Aug, Oct, Nov) and only 1 community meeting (Oct). Meetings are on fourth Tuesdays where possible.

\*Ellen will be out of town August 30 through September 24. This accounts for the timing of the newsletter and the Community Meeting.