*PROPOSED AGENDA AND ACTION ITEMS*

28 NOVEMBER 2017

***The meeting was held at 7:00 PM in one of Omega Baptist’s meeting rooms. Despite the planned elections, only 5 trustees and/or officers attended.***

***Housekeeping – 7:10***

Call to order – Ezra

*In Ezra’s absence, Ellen called the meeting to order – easy enough with so few people!*

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*Everyone present accepted the minutes as e-mailed following the September meeting.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna

*Donna reported that she had deposited all the membership checks and WCC contributions, totaling over a thousand dollars. Under $400 was actually for the DVTF itself, however.*

Police matters – any/all

*Jerry commented that things had cooled down significantly on Auburn since a few months ago!*

***Old Business – 7:30***

NWPB report – Ezra

*(not present)*

SABA report – Larry Ramey (if present)

*(not present)*

Alley status – Tony Shultz (if present)

(*not present)*

Update on co-op market – Ezra

*In Ezra’s absence, Ellen reported that the GDUCI (the organization behind Gem City Market) was having a potluck on Thursday, December 7th, at the Rec Center, and recommended it to all.*

Status of remaining mini-grant funds – Ezra, Bev, Donna, others?

*Donna confirmed that very little of our mini-grant remained available, and we agreed that with so little time left in the year, we probably couldn’t come up with a good way to spend it.*

Fall community meeting report (inc. DIY) – Ellen

*Most people had read Ellen’s report, which she planned to include in the e-letter about to go out, and had nothing to add. They were all pleased with the turnout at the community meeting. Donna wished she’d had a chance to ask Rev. Vanessa whether the organizations she had mentioned as planning to share the building would actually be paying rent and covering some costs. Ellen said she would inquire. She also mentioned that Rev. Vanessa had just asked her whether we could find a Triangle rep who would be willing to attend the OCDC meeting every third Thursday, 12-2 PM.*

***Nominally New Business – 7:40***

Project model for DVTF operations – all

* Responsibility sharing (see list below)
* Current trustee project commitments
* Commitments for 2018 projects (see list below)

*Those present agreed that the point of being a trustee or officer is to DO something for the neighborhood, and we needed to try harder to find people willing to make that sort of commitment, not just attend the occasional meeting. Bev Jenkins promised to become more active this year.*

*Mary formally offered to undertake what might be called the “front end” of the DIY program, meaning that she will serve as the contact person for anyone who wants to report a property with visible problems that need to be fixed. She will also look around the neighborhood herself, and in both cases will send the City-supplied postcards to the owners of record of properties in violation of the standards. She also plans to follow up on those properties after 30 days, and if nothing has happened, report the addresses to Housing. (The “back end” of the former DIY process no longer exists; Housing’s new software means that the database is not accessible to us.)*

Election of trustees and officers – all

*With no quorum, no elections could be held. Ellen said she would e-mail the trustees about continuing, and/or serving as an officer. Bev J. suggested that the e-mail emphasize the need for commitment and moving forward. With Ezra stepping down, Ellen is willing to assume the presidency again pro tem., but very much hopes we can find someone else (perhaps among the people who have moved into the Triangle in the past year, if not a current trustee?) to take over. Larry Ramey, Gordon Shears, Todd Olehausen, George Farmer, Gail Turner, and Doniece Gatliff were names that came up.*

2018 calendar (number/type of meetings, mailing prep) – Ellen (see below)

*Ellen suggested that if we can get trustees focused on projects, it might make sense for the whole group to meet only quarterly. Those present agreed that that might work, but that it was important to continue to meet as a group, both to manage the finances and to prioritize neighborhood needs.*

Guest invitation (e.g., attorney’s office, Preschool Promise, Finance?) for Jan or March? – Ezra et al.

*Those present felt that the possibility of guests would be better discussed at the next meeting, when membership and officers would presumably be more settled.*

Requested report on membership and e-list – Ellen

*(Ezra had asked for these reports for the September meeting, but there was no time left.) Ellen showed everyone the printouts of those lists. She said that the Friends of the Triangle list currently numbers 190 addresses, for about 175 households. The trustees and some people from adjunct lists (alumni, or interested residents of nearby neighborhoods) raise the number to over 215. As for 2018 DVTF memberships, we have 31 so far for the coming year. Ellen promised to remind people in the e-letter, and nag former members more specifically in a couple of weeks. We had about 60 members in 2017, a definite step down from 76 in 2016. We had 84 in 2015, but that was apparently an anomaly; the two previous years had been in the 70s.*

Possible application for a Mayor’s Porch Tour – all

*Everyone present thought we should ask to be included, although if Mayor Nan would agree to a walkthrough (like Rhine McLin’s last one) that would be even better. It was suggested that we might ask her to focus on projects that would affect our area. Mary mentioned both the preparations for the new Salem Avenue Peace Corridor sign, and the imminence of groundbreaking on the senior housing going up behind the police station on Salem. (We’d like to know more about that.)*

Possible application for a 2018-9 mini-grant or Mayor’s Fund grant – all

* What are goals for grants?
* What leader(s) will attend the workshop and submit our application(s)?

*It is possible that Gail Turner might be willing to take the lead on a grant, working with Mary. Mary suggested that her district might be a good focus for another block party – the five streets that come together near the triangular median she maintains constitute a fairly compact and defined area. To be discussed further in January. (It was wondered whether a grant could be used to cover a minimum guarantee for food trucks….)*

Applying for a DaytonCorps project – all

*No inspirations at present.*

Neighborhood engagement plans for spring – all

*To be discussed at the January meeting.*

***Adjournment – 8:30***

# Dayton View Triangle Federation

# SUGGESTED 2018 DVT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **January 23** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *March 23? TBD* | *Newsletter article deadline* | *--* | *--* |
| **Tuesday** | **March 27** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| *Fri-Sun* | *April 6-8?* | *Newsletter & spring mailing prep* | *Ellen’s? Other?* | *TBD* |
| ***Friday ??*** | ***April 27? TBD*** | ***Spring Community Meeting ??*** | ***Northwest Library*** | ***6 PM??*** |
| **Tuesday** | **May 22** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| ***Saturday*** | ***June? TBD*** | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale ?*** | (various) | 9:00 AM on |
| **Tuesday** | **July 24** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Mike M.’s garden | 7:30 PM |
| *Friday* | *Sept 6? TBD* | *Newsletter article deadline* | *--* | *--* |
| **Tuesday** | **September 25** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| *Fri-Sun* | *Sept 28-30 ??* | *Newsletter & fall mailing prep* | *Ellen’s? Other?* | *TBD* |
| ***Friday ??*** | ***October 19 ?? TBD*** | ***Fall Community Meeting ??*** | ***Northwest Library*** | ***6 PM??*** |
| **Tuesday** | **Nov. 27** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |

This calendar again has 6 fourth-Tuesday trustee meetings (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). We need to decide whether to have a spring community meeting as well as a fall one – and what topics might get people out.

**CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES THAT NEED SOMEONE TO ASSUME THEM**

* **Administrative responsibilities**
  + File annual and continued-existence reports with the State
  + Pay for our P.O. box annually, and update contact form
* **Operational responsibilities**
  + Pick up mail from our P.O. box at least biweekly and get memberships (and checks) to Ellen
  + Manage newsletter production (assuming EFR continues to write it)
    - Coordinate with Verletta to pick up printed version
    - Coordinate sealing/labeling
  + Manage mailing labels (f we continue to mail newsletters)
    - Acquire/update/maintain the label database
    - Print labels
    - Make hand modifications for empty houses, and track the final number
  + Manage newsletter mailing (if we continue to mail newsletters)
    - Get annual bulk-mail permit
    - Replenish our bulk-mail account
    - Fill out the appropriate form, take the counted & labeled newsletters to the bulk-mail department of the P.O., and see them through the process

**SOME OF THE MORE FEASIBLE PROPOSED TRIANGLE PROJECTS (OR COMMITTEES)**

* **Improvements to Omega’s Harvard campus**
  + Represent the Triangle at the OCDC’s board meetings
  + Work with the OCDC on grant applications *(Patty Brinkman volunteering)*
    - Walking trail, playground, and parcourse (or more challenging parkour?) are most urgent
    - Procuring a copy of the original Olmsted campus plans is another possibility
  + Work with the OCDC on investigating whether the City, Siebenthaler, or some other organization might help to purchase replacement trees, and if so make it happen
* **The Triangle’s public face**
  + Set up and maintain website *(EFR working on)*
  + Coordinate with George Farmer to keep Facebook page contents interesting
* **Area cleanups** 
  + Schedule for shortly before bulk pickup, and notify City
  + Arrange to get County supplies?
  + Solicit volunteers
  + Offer refreshments afterwards?
* **Meet-your-neighbor community walks**
  + Set up and oversee a plan
  + Flyer in advance?
  + Procure/produce materials to hand out (yard-standard brochures? useful-info lists?)
  + Design/order T-shirts for those doing the walking
  + Coordinate walkers (materials, companions)
  + Track districts/areas walked
* **Block parties**
  + Need volunteers, by block or district, to coordinate
  + Need people to help write grant applications
* **Possible neighborhood gathering/events around the next Garage Sale** 
  + Head up (or serve on) a committee to come up with possible events
    - Ice cream social
    - Barter table
    - Donation table
    - Crafts-sale table
    - Music, something for kids, etc. etc.
  + Organize publicity
* **Organize a Home Tour for 2018 or 2019** ***(needs a whole committee!)***