

Minutes of the EPIC Executive Committee Meeting

January 13, 2015

Present were: President, Nancy Lewis; Vice President Robert Solomon; Recording Secretary, Elyse DeVries; Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Pierce; Treasurer, Willard Duncan

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Lewis at 7:10pm.

The first item on the agenda was to discuss the nominating committee for the 2015 Annual meeting. Three of five members and one alternate were elected at EPIC's Annual Meeting in May of last year (Sarah Bornstein, Clare Lake, Marsha Holland and Alternate-Mary Stoner). The Executive Committee agreed on a selection for the remaining two members and second alternate. President, Nancy Lewis agreed to ask George Diez to serve on the nominating committee and also ask Clare Lake if he would like to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Recording Secretary, Elyse DeVries agreed to ask Bob Kaplan to be on the Nominating Committee and ask Kim Sabo to be the Second Alternate.

The second item on the agenda was to discuss the slate of officers for 2015-16 to be presented at EPIC's annual meeting. Two of the existing committee member will seek reelection – Treasurer, Willard Duncan and Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn Pierce. Recording Secretary, Elyse DeVries agreed to run for Vice President. President, Nancy Lewis may seek reelection and will relay her decision at a later date. Vice President, Bob Solomon is not eligible for re-election for his current position and will not run for another position on the executive committee for 2015-2016.

The third item on the agenda was to discuss details for the EPIC Annual Meeting. The committee investigated holding the meeting in the community room of the library, but the regulations at the library would not allow the block club to collect dues from members on the premises so the committee decided to approach Bethany Evangelical Lutheran again this year with a tentative date of March 28th as the first choice for the meeting. Nancy Lewis and Marilyn Pierce agreed to donate items for door prizes at the Annual Meeting and Willard Duncan and Marilyn Pierce agreed to work together to provide refreshments and coffee for members during the annual meeting. The Senn Park Advisory Council will make a short presentation and collect feedback from EPIC members on the future of the park. Marilyn Pierce agreed to approach Alderman Harry Osterman once we have finalized the date of the meeting to see if his office would like to present the State of the Ward. Marilyn Pierce also agreed to do the flyer for the Annual Meeting. This year's EPIC donation to Bethany Evangelical Lutheran will remain at \$75.00.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss tentative plans for the Annual Potluck and Block Party. Treasurer, Willard Duncan presented an idea to change the Block Party to earlier in the year and to do the Potluck in the fall. The Executive Committee agreed with his proposal and suggested dates for the Block Party were presented -- either June 20th or June 27th. Bob Solomon agreed to approach Bethany Evangelical with these two choices and to check in with EPIC members Bob Kaplan and Kim Sabo to see if they are available on these dates

since they have historically provided a grill, some tables and a canopy on the date of the Block Party. Tentative dates were also presented for the Potluck -- either September 19th or September 12th.

Marilyn Pierce discussed the plans for this year's Garage Sale. She addressed a need for more help with distributing maps and collecting registration money from Garage Sale participants on the day of the event. She will ask for volunteers at the EPIC Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee discussed whether to require Garage Sale participants to be EPIC members and it was decided to keep the Garage Sale participation open to all who would like to register for the event.

Marilyn Pierce also reported to the Executive Committee that the updates on the website have been completed. Recording Secretary, Elyse DeVries has agreed to take over as webmaster and made a recommendation to create a website on an updated platform. The Executive Committee agreed to look through the content of the current website to give feedback on which items should be transitioned over to the new website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.