



Minutes
IHRA Board Meeting
September 13, 2023
7:00pm EST Via Google Meet

Board members in attendance: Amber House, Tom Kashin, Mary Gorrell, Jack Stocks, Emily Berger, Danielle Worth, Elizabeth Murphy

- I. Approval of July 2023 Minutes – Emily was not at the last meeting and minutes were not taken.

- II. Treasury update- Mary Gorrell
 1. Budget Update- Mary shared the budget report. Venmo payments have been the majority of our payments. The middle level PayPal option is also popular.

Our biggest expenses have been our postcard mailing print and postage fees.

We have almost \$87,000 in the bank at the time of the report.

Mary will be withdrawing cash to give paid residents \$20 to use at the picnic food trucks instead of paying for catering. Mary will withdrawal \$3,000 and will give smaller bills to the first picnic attendees so help the food trucks make change. We have budgeted \$5,000 for the picnic, but Amber rarely uses that much. We saved money on snow removal in winter 2023 so those dollars were moved to the picnic budget.

2. Any new treasury information – Mary discussed duplicate payments and keeping a list of those residents who have asked for their duplicate payment to be applied 2024. She will be keeping a list of those because we are unable to track it in the database.

III. Committee updates

1. Activities-Amber House
 1. Garage Sale – There were no comments from residents good or bad.
 2. Picnic – Postcards should be hitting mailboxes by Friday. Amber is using a third-party subcontractor to manage the booking of the food trucks which should make everything run much smoother and take stress off of her shoulders.

Silly Safaris will be in attendance. The fee increased by \$50 over last year.

Amber still needs to put the signs up. She will put those out tonight with Danielle's help.

Tables and chairs will arrive on Friday night at the church and she needs help setting up on Sunday afternoon starting at Noon.

Amber made signs with the Venmo and PayPal QR codes that we can put out for people to scan and they are generic and can be reused every year.

Kids play area items will be dropped off at the church at Noon- it includes a bounce house for the younger kids and a human foosball table for the older kids and adults.

Amber makes nametags for the board members and she has blank tags for those who want to wear them.

3. Annual Meeting – Amber will begin looking for restaurant options for the annual meeting.
 - Board positions that will need to be filled at November include the secretary role. Danielle is happy to serve as hospitality chair. We are also still trying to fill the social media chair role. There seems to be a lot less social media drama lately.
 - Mary indicated we need someone to take over website updates and do an overhaul to update some outdated text. Tom has been trying to update pages as he sees him. Mary referenced the About Us- Neighborhood Activities subpage as one spot that needs some attention. Tom will work on making those changes. Mary noted that if things are kept current, they will know that they can go there for accurate information and the website will be more useful.
2. Crime watch – Ron Jordan – Ron was unable to attend. Tom provided an updated based on the emails that he has seen come through.
3. Hospitality - Danielle Worth or Audra Boarman (?) Audra will be transitioning off the board and Danielle will take over her role. She is working with Audra on what to do.
4. Social Media - Amber House (for now) – The Facebook page has been pretty calm lately. No one has been kicked off or muted. There have been a

few spam advertising things going through but those have been deleted.

5. Bi-monthly IH Post Card - Amber House – The postcard should hit mailboxes on Friday and will advertise the picnic and dues payment options.
6. Streets/Snow - Jack Stocks – We have not had snow all summer. 😊 We have a healthy budget for snow removal this coming winter.
7. Website/Data - Tom Kashin- Mary will be able to start running the reports from the database.
8. BRAGG – Ron Jordan -Ron was not present.
9. GACC - Elizabeth Murphy – Elizabeth shared notes from the August meeting minutes. Dan Boots and Andre Carson attended. There were some hearings about several buildings but nothing alarming or newsworthy. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th. There have been some funding updates on the Nickel Plate Trail – all good news.
10. Community Garden - Audra Boarman – Audra wasn't able to participate in the tomato tasting but it still went on.

Related to this event, Mary asked if we could start emailing residents with updates. Emily mentioned the Remind text app. It's free up to certain amount of phone numbers. Emily will share details with the board.

IV. Old Business

1. ClearPath Updates/Closures? – No updates this time.
2. Signage updates – We still need to install these and promote this on Facebook. Elizabeth will post and put out the letter before the picnic. Elizabeth suggested we put out signs at the entrances similar to Arrowhead. Would this allow us to cut down on postcard expenses and work. Amber feels the postcard is much easier than the newsletter and reaches everyone well through the mail.
3. Nickel Plate – Some additional funding announcements were made to help fund the trail.

V. New Business

1. Storage unit rental – The board would like to invest in a small storage unit to store garage sale and picnic signage and other files/items we need to

retain and reuse each year. There is a storage facility off of Binford just south of the McDonalds. It's now "Public Storage" (used to be Simply Storage). It is \$35-\$40/mo for the smaller units at the facility at 99th and Allisonville.

Mary suggested we inventory what we have to store before we incur the expense. Elizabeth offered her garage for storage as needed. Email Mary with any items we have and Mary will make a master list that we can use to track those items.

2. Picnic volunteers – Elizabeth, Mary, Tom and Amber will be there at 12 p.m. Tom will put a post out on Facebook.

Important Dates:

Annual Meeting: Nov 8

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Berger, Board Secretary.