

# EVANSVILLE DOG OWNERS GROUP

December 8, 2015

Hacienda at First Avenue

Attending: President Kevin Young, Vice President Tracey Tomes, Treasurer Randy Copeland, Secretary Alice Rademacher, Membership Co-Chair Terri Hopple, Board Members Pam Arnold, and Lori Young and guest John Rademacher.

Kevin opened the meeting at 5:38pm.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- Randy reported a balance of \$3,753..71
- Three bills yet to be paid include Bill Thomas and Alice Rademacher to reimburse for last work day and Nix Sanitary Service
- Kevin agreed to be the second board member that can sign checks in case Randy is incapacitated for some reason.
- The Benninghoff address will be deleted from the checking account since it's from a past board member.
- Terri will get Randy the second key to the Post Office Box so he can pick up checks and bills directly instead of Terri and Gail having to mail him the items.
- Kevin brought up the possibility of changing bank accounts if Old National charges us for our checking account. To the best of our knowledge they do not but Randy will get a better feel for their service as the year progresses. He just received the checkbook and records within the last few days.

## **Membership:**

- Terri passed out a written report of our current membership according to date to renew. The next report will be alphabetical to help us locate members more quickly.

## **Old Business:**

- Mower -Kevin reported that Matt is taking care of mower maintenance schedule. He also suggested we post next years mower schedule on Facebook and see if volunteers could sign up that way.
- Building - Kevin reported that the paneling that we installed on work day is already buckling. He will investigate a better wall board, maybe one that would be more impervious to moisture, perhaps plastic. He can get the receipt from Randy and take the old back and purchase the new. Alice reported that bars still need to be installed in all three windows and Tracey suggested that once we get the place finished we could have shelves that fold down and make benches along the walls to create seating when we need it and give us room when we don't. There was overwhelming approval for the idea. As soon as the inside is done we can give the general membership the code and perhaps make it match the code to the front gate.
- Road - Everyone is still complaining about the road back to the park. Alice explained that Brian Holtz would probably be the best contact for the Parks Dept.

but only City Street Maintenance would have a Road Grader and since all city departments have been cut to the bone, we probably won't be able to get any help from the public sector. Anyone know anyone in the private sector that happens to have a Road Grader?

- Porta Potty is not being serviced regularly and the approach to the south gate has been very reliable up to this point.

#### **New Business:**

- Kevin brought up a date for a spring fundraiser of April 23 which is a Saturday. Ideas included were asking rescues and nonprofits to put up tables (Kevin plans on meeting with these groups) about their services or animals for adoption. Alice suggested contacting Pet Food Center and Pam said Michael Stepto would probably be the person we would need to contact. They were very instrumental at the last Membership Fundraiser that we had in 2014. Kevin suggested Police K-9s be involved and we all agreed that would be great if they could make it. Kevin suggested grilling hotdogs and having concessions. Alice suggested Bobbi Jo Bottomly from K-9 University as a speaker and that perhaps one of our vets could be contacted to give a lecture on Canine First Aid.
- Alice made a motion and Randy seconded to allow our dogs in the clubhouse after plastic walls are up. The motion passed.
- Alice made a motion to put the small dog sign back on the gate, John seconded and the motion passed. Alice will see if she can get one donated.
- Tracey suggested we try to do something to draw attention to our First Avenue sign. Alice suggested adding a silhouette in maroon to the top of the sign that are dogs playing. Pam will see if she can get something donated.
- Pam reminded everyone about the E-script cards from Schnucks. If all our members would pick up a card at Schnucks or she can give you one, it would mean some money for our park and it doesn't cost the members anything. They just have to show the card before they make their purchase.
- Kevin suggested we think about better lighting in front of the park since its all in the park. Pam agreed that something to light the parking lot is needed also.
- Kevin recommended all board members try to recruit volunteers from our membership where possible. The more people we have the less work for everyone. Alice reiterated volunteers record their hours in the notebook which has made its way to the mower side. Whoever gets to the building first should bring the book out into the main room and place it on the file cabinet.
- Dates of the next meetings are February 7 at 4:00pm, March 13 at 4:00pm and the Fundraiser Day of April 23. A committee will need more meetings about the Fundraiser Day. The committee has not been chosen yet. Alice said front sign should be changed since it lists the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for the membership and the North Park Library is listed as the location.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Alice Rademacher

Attachments: Membership list by renewal date