

MEETING MINUTES: APNA, Inc.

September 15, 2020 | 7 p.m. | Regular Board and General Member Meeting



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Board Members Present: APNA Board of Directors: Mary Anne Bowie, President | Kim Pitts, Vice President | Lorrie Muldowney, Secretary | Elaine Silver, Treasurer | Dee Anna Dowdle, Director | Terry Langlois, Director | Julia Clark, Director and Communications Chair

Board Members Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Bowie at 7:05 pm; All were welcomed; Board members were introduced. There were approximately 15 Board members and residents present via computer and phone. Dee Anna Dowdle read the City/CCNA Code of Conduct: ***We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to issues. We will not engage in personal attacks.***

Minutes of August 25, 2020 were approved as read. Bowie requested that Silver take minutes as Muldowney send an email earlier that day, resigning immediately. **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Elaine Silver and approved. APNA has \$274.53 in the checking account at Achieva Credit Union and \$102.48 in the savings account.

President's Report: Bowie described the 2.5 hour meeting held by the Planning Board on September 9, 2020 at 1:30PM regarding the ADU Overlay District. The ADU Overlay District includes Arlington Park Neighborhood and several other neighborhoods. This meeting can be viewed on the City of Sarasota website: www.sarasotafl.gov. Next the ADU Overlay District will be brought forward for City Commission vote, sometime in November or later.

PROGRAM Guest Speaker: Lynn Komlenic spoke on Non-violent communication. She pointed out that every single conversation we have is either an choice to understand or to judge. Silver is a student of Komlenic's Compassionate Communication course. It is known as NVC (Non-Violent Communication) and is the life work of Marshall Rosenberg.

OLD BUSINESS

Governance Committee

Bowie reported that the City of Sarasota Grant application was completed; and delivered on time. We solicited proposals and we received full proposals to create a new website from three firms; we will know on October 19 if our grant will be awarded. We also requested funds for a holiday mailer and focused outreach efforts.

Nominating Committee

Dowdle reported that interviews are now underway for anyone seeking to be voted upon to become a Director of the APNA Board beginning January 1, 2020. Contact DeeAnna before October 1 at DeeAnnaDowdle@gmail.com for questionnaire and interview appointment. Robb Grant said that he would like to become a Director. (Note: Grant filled out his questionnaire, had his interview and was invited to become a Director by the Nominating Committee. A few days later, Grant withdrew his

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interest on serving as a Board of Director) No other members present put forth a request to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors at this time. Nominees for the Board of Directors will be posted on our website, <https://www.APNAAsrq.org>

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising Committee

Pitts gave the Fundraising Committee report; she noted that we are exploring Bonfire and other online fundraising applications. She introduced the new additional APNA wordcloud logo to be used for fundraising efforts when appropriate. Motion made, seconded and unanimous vote to add the new additional APNA wordcloud logo as presented. Fundraising committee is working on updating our PayPal account on our website and exploring the possibility of other ways to accept funds, such as Zelle.

Communications Committee

Clark reported that we have more than 215 emails on our official mailing list and she discussed the advantages of obtaining a Constant Contact account in the name of APNA, at a cost of approximately \$15 monthly.

Bylaws Committee

Langlois went over each proposed change to the Bylaws; most discussion revolved around the concept of charging \$10 annual membership dues per unique address to identify voting residential members. This idea and the idea of having paying businesses and sponsors was not popular. Other specific changes were discussed, and all changes were sent forward for review by the Board of Directors, who met on September 22, 2020. Final Revised Bylaws will be presented at the October 20, 2020 general member meeting and voted upon at the November 17, 2020 meeting. Bylaws to be voted upon will be posted on our website, <https://www.APNAAsrq.org>

CLOSING COMMENTS

Bowie mentioned that APNA could hold a final candidate forum for District 2 and District 3 City Commission Candidates, since our neighborhood falls into both Districts, with a dividing line of Hyde Park Street. Virginia Hoffman offered to assist Mary Anne Bowie in putting together the forum, to be held in October. This would be a separate time other than our regular meeting date.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 PM

FUTURE MEETINGS – Next meeting is set for October 20, 2020.

ALL APNA meetings will be held at 7 PM on the Third Tuesday and will be ZOOM Meetings until Fire Station reopens.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Silver, Ad Hoc Secretary