

## Westwood Civic Association

### Steering Meeting

October 8, 2019

Attendance: April Stephens, Geneva Clark, Larry Eiser, Emily Miller Reynolds, John Bowen, Henry Frondorf, Steve Beckman, John Kerr, Alexa Justice, Sara Overstake, Thomas Sauter, Shawntee Stallworth Schramm

1. Youth Council (Emily Reynolds and April Stephens) – Youth Council meeting last night. Dorothy and others from Urban League and Police Partnering Center gave a grant for youth summit and training for the youth, with potential employment in the summer. Emily will ask if any youth want to be a nonvoting member of WCA board. They need more volunteers. There are two leadership meetings a month and teen nights every Friday of the month. They need assistance on Thursday, November 7, the grand opening of Westwood Town Hall. The youth will have water and hot cider. They need to be set up before 4:00pm. Alexa will help (3:30). Youth Council will have elections in November.
2. School Enhancements: (Sara Overstake) – Reach out to the schools inviting them to the meetings and offering to have community members serve on LSDMC. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5-7 Gamble High School Open House. There is a new neighbor in the community who is involved with Westwood Elementary and will come to meetings and give updates.
3. Properties, Infrastructure, Beautification, Zoning (PIBZ) (John Bowen and Abe Brandyberry)
  1. Yard of the Month - John Bowen
  2. Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming - John Kerr
  3. Westwood Community Gardens - Gazebo is complete, and they are having a celebration on October 12 at 6:00pm, potluck, music.
  4. Properties – John Bowen compared our list of blighted properties with the WestCURC list. WestCURC will take action. WCA could help support action on problem properties. Discussion about lots available, and CURC is looking into this as well.
4. Membership and Outreach (Emily Reynolds) – goal is to have people at the meetings and engaged. They have a flyer they have been passing out to neighbors. Discussion about membership fees and possible elimination of fee. Membership is required in order to vote for board members and by-laws. Steve will generate a report with membership fees collected over the past few years. All memberships are up for renewing in January. We can send out an email in November. More canvassing on October 20 and 21.
  1. Westwords
  2. Membership Growth
5. Public Safety (Shawntee)

1. WUTSTV: Shawntee – has no more hot spot captains at this point. Maybe this would be a good time to focus on one spot – McHenry and Harrison. Emily is still working on the Boudinot location. There may need to be a restructure of how this works in order to get more people involved.
2. Block Watch: Anne
3. Citizens on Patrol – Mary Fichter will continue to lead this.
6. Finance (Steve Beckman)
  1. NSP –John Bowen – vote next week – amount this year is \$6078. Conversation about how many monthly newsletters get mailed up. The fee for membership is higher if the member wants a printed version. The amount of money we use from NSP (\$3000) covers about 9 months. Discussion about cutting back on printing. Next week everyone needs to come with ideas of how to allocate money. We also need to appoint a nominating committee in November.
  2. Fundraising: Thomas Sauter – Will focus more on this soon.
7. Westwood Coalition (Shawntee)
8. Goals outside committee scope
9. Other Business
  1. Westwood Flag – cincyflags.com has symbolism of flag design. The goal is to have the flags as a fundraiser. We can purchase some and sell them. Costs: 50 flags cost \$27.50 each. Emily will post on Facebook asking for who would purchase a flag for \$35. We could order 50, pay for half of them with NSP and not sell those.
  2. Gayle Rees received Enquirer Woman of the Year. Idea to do a Westwood Day dedicated to her.
  3. Girl Scouts will be at the meeting next week, and we can recognize them for their flags.
  4. Holiday Party – Madcap last year went well. December 17 – Emily will check with Madcap. Muse will provide food.
  5. Alexa will begin gathering inventory, she will send out an email.