

Manette Neighborhood Coalition

Meeting Minutes

May 7th, 2019



Present: Alex
Arnie
Kevin
Michael
Maria (guest)
Paul (guest)
Wendy (guest)

Next meeting: July 2nd, 7:00pm, Der Blokken Brewery

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:07pm**
2. **Treasurer's report**
 - Savings \$2,165.25
 - Checking \$1,588.12
 - Recent expenditures:
 - \$100.00 for Music in Manette
 - \$122.16 for the Easter egg hunt
3. **Motion to postpone board elections until October (annual meeting)**
 - Usually held in May, but would rather have elections at larger, more-attended meeting
 - Motion passes
4. **Motion to approve minutes from last meeting**
 - Motion passes
5. **Technology Officer Report**
 - Facebook engagement patterns remain steady, with an uptick in engagement from women
 - Large reaction (post, comments, reactions) recently to controversial posts
 - One in reaction to a post about homesteading on Kitsap county land easement:
 - Resulted in closed comments, sparking a chain reaction of questions and education on Facebook policies
 - Chain of closing comments got heated, so relevant comments from the reaction thread were copied to the original thread, which was re-opened
 - Moderators noted pattern of unproductive commenting on posts "after hours" on weekends
 - Technology Officer (Arnie) reported that the moderators are trying out a new strategy for the Facebook page:

- Controversial post comments may be closed during late-night weekend hours to avoid confrontation
 - Interesting history of homesteading provided by Michael, who noted that in this particular case the gentleman on the property may have a legitimate claim
 - Other removed posts were largely politically-oriented, against the MNC Facebook Guidelines
 - Arnie is hoping to find another board member willing to be on the moderation team of Facebook group
 - No takers
 - New website (manette.org) is up and running well
 - 3 new newsletter members have signed up so far
 - Post about success of May the 4th Cleanup forthcoming
 - Kevin to supply photo of day
 - “After” photo to show success
6. **Mapping Manette Borders**
 - Discussion on establishing the geographic borders of Manette
 - Referenced in bylaws to establish what areas the MNC addresses
 - Would be useful for administrating Facebook page for geographic-specific posts
 - Would like to make a priority for the MNC to determine the boundaries of Manette, at least as an area the MNC tends
 - Wendy proposes coming up with several versions of the Manette maps and holding a vote at annual meeting – map border board formed
7. **Bridging Bremerton – Sat. 6/22**
 - No official connection to the MNC yet, but Kevin is encouraging members to volunteer for event - contact Josh Farley
 - MNC representation during Bridging Bremerton - perhaps a water table
8. **Bremerton Bridge Blast – Sat. 6/29**
 - Michael suggests having MNC representation at Bridge Blast
 - Arnie recommends using Facebook to help drive traffic to Bridge Blast
 - What's your favorite spot to watch from?
 - Post your favorite photos from years past!
9. **Debrief: Easter Egg Hunt & May the 4th Reclaim the Hill Climb**
 - Easter egg hunt has some room for improvement
 - Registration system was over-the-top, needs streamlining for next time
 - Kids need more indication of which color they should be going for - colored wristbands would accomplish grouping and counting
 - List of suggested improvements available for digestion
 - It was chaos but good chaos
 - 173 registered kids for Easter egg hunt this year
 - Large increase in the number of kids for the younger groups
 - Need to accommodate shifting demographic
 - Good indicator to increase the number of events for families of young kids
 - Hill climb cleanup was a great success with approx. 20 participants

- Should capture reason for hill climb with Jennifer's memorial in messaging and
- Feedback: messaging should focus on cleanup aspect, Star Wars theme was confusing
- Feedback: getting a local business to contribute goods would be great
- Feedback: should clean hill climb more than once per year
- Maria may investigate trail improvements

10. **Good of the Order**

- Branding the new logo and website
 - Brainstormed ideas for schwag we should branch with MNC logo, hand out at events
- Garage sale has been moved to August 17
- Status of Art in the Park - Wendy
 - Kitsap League of Artistic Women looking to engage for Art in the Park
 - MNC not driving Art in the Park event
 - MNC is willing to drive an arts area at Manettefest with booth assignments and booth supplies
- Feedback for Edible Garden Tour was to have less gardens on the tour, as many people couldn't visit every site
 - May be able to improve by extending hours for tour
 - Garden pro's drove attendance and longer engagement in specific gardens
 - Perhaps a combination of less gardens with higher-quality tours, preferably with a garden pro at each stop
 - Would be good to get information about the tour out **much** earlier
 - Planning should start directly after harvest fest potluck/annual meeting
- Kevin (chairperson) is moving his primary residence across the bridge
 - Concerned about having chair not living in Manette
 - Looking to see if another member would be better suited
 - Tabled for now, Kevin will remain chairperson until elections in October (2 meetings)

11. **Adjourned at 8:25**