

## Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting – August 13, 2019

### Minutes

<b>Board Officers:</b> Kathy Soukup, President Fred Svensson, Vice President Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer Emily Mixon, Secretary	<b>Board Directors:</b> Bobbi Nowak Patrick Soukup Amanda McKaig Kris Whitman Breanna Illéné	<b>Alternates:</b> Carrie Ezzell Collin Roland
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1. Call to order and call for changes to the agenda.

It was noted that the Jewish Federation of Madison posted the following message: “With great sadness, we write to inform you that Bobbi Nowak died peacefully on Tuesday morning, August 6. May Bobbi's memory be for a blessing, and may her children, Seth and Rhea, and her brother, Robert, be comforted at this time.”

All the Board Directors/Officers were present, with the exceptions of Emily Mixon, Kris Whitman, Carrie Ezzell, and Collin Roland, all of whom were excused; a quorum was established. No changes to the agenda were made.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting

**Ms. Illéné moved to approve the minutes “as is” (it was noted that Mr. Svensson’s name was misspelled on page 2 under item #4). Mr. Woolsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discuss PayPal service charge

Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the email correspondence he sent to and received from PayPal regarding a request for a refund from a person who made a \$25 membership contribution to ECA. This person claimed that she did not make the donation (she did not claim that her credit card number was stolen); Mr. Zimmerman talked with the person and made a decision to refund the money. In doing so, Mr. Zimmerman learned that while PayPal charges a fee for each transaction, there is no charge from PayPal to make a refund. However, the credit card companies do charge a \$20 transaction fee for such a refund. Some persons felt that the fee from the credit card company should be contested. Mr. Zimmerman suggested that we let the matter go as this is the first and only instance in which someone who made a contribution via PayPal later made a request for a refund. There appeared to be agreement with Mr. Zimmerman’s suggestion, so no motion was made.

4. Discuss potential Winter Party community building event

The concept of an ECA sponsored winter party as a community building event was discussed. It was agreed that before work is done to determine the nature of the event that a location that is low-cost should be found. Mr. Wagner volunteered to contact the local VFW to learn of the cost of renting a room and availability and Ms. Soukup volunteered to do the same with Schenk Elementary School.

5. Update of city commissions/committees

No specific information regarding city commissions/committees was presented. It was noted the Alder Foster Grant provides a great deal of information about what is happening in Madison on his blog (see <https://www.cityofmadison.com/Council/district15/blog/>); there is a space to sign up for future updates via email on this webpage.

County Supervisor Kristin Audet sent Ms. Illéné the following information via e-mail (to obtain updates on other issues on an ongoing basis from Supervisor Audet, go to <https://kristinaudet.com/updates>):

The main thing from my update also is the public meeting on the F35: The National Guard Bureau will hold a public hearing regarding the EIS at the Alliant Energy Center on September 12th from 5-8 PM. Local elected officials don't get to vote on or be involved in the decision so it's important for people that have strong feelings to share them. I will be posting ways for people who can't make the meeting to share their thoughts as well.

6. Updates from ECA committees (e.g., Facebook accounts, PayPal options, etc.)

No reports were provided. It was noted that Ms. Nowak, who passed away, had volunteered to coordinate the distribution of the newsletter. Ms. Soukup agreed to recruit someone to fulfill this responsibility.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Zimmerman reported that he has not received any communication from the IRS regarding the § 510 (c) (4) application.

	Balance as of 08/11/2019
General fund	\$14,314.36
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$70.00
Total Checking/Savings	\$14,384.36
PayPal account – general	\$102.49
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$67.37
Accounts Overdue/due	\$2,287.30
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$1,633.91
Prepaid ads	\$2,333.90
Balance	\$12,873.71

7. Call for agenda items for the September<sup>th</sup> meeting

In addition to the regular business agenda items (e.g., approval of the prior meeting's minutes), the following items were identified: 1) Have someone from Movin' Out talk about their redevelopment efforts on Cottage Grove Road.

Adjourned at 8:16.

Submitted by Dan Zimmerman