

West Central Neighborhood Association

*Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2023, 6:00pm*

Call To Order –6:03 p m

- Attendees: Tyler Bowers, Joel Sauer, George Taylor, Terry Taylor, Ben Wahli, Connie Mettler, Kelly Benton, Bethany Pruitt, Mike Anderson
- Absent: None. We have a full quorum present.
- Meeting was rescheduled from 2nd Monday of the month (January 9th) to accommodate the schedule of the majority of board members.

Business Conducted Outside of Meeting:

- Vice President (Kelly Benton) sent an email to the board members and advisors on 12/15/2022 informing the board that we received a volunteer nomination for President of the Board today: Joel Sauer.
- Acting Past President (Ben Wahli) sent an email to the board members and advisors on 12/19/2022 clarifying the process of replacing the current President (Tyler Bowers), who agreed to continue in the role temporarily (see November Association Meeting notes for details) : “Thank you. The acting Past President resides over the election. The board votes to fill vacancies, not future positions. Al, please correct me if I am mistaken. As the acting Past President, I will reach out to Joel. What I believe the best course of action is: Tyler remains President until January 2nd or a similar date. Tyler resigns. The board votes Joel to replace Tyler. This could happen at the January Board Meeting. The elected officers are the voting officers. The Past President only votes if there is a tie.”
- President (Tyler Bowers) sent a copy of his resignation letter via email to board members and advisors on 12/20/2022. Resignation will be effective on 1/12/2023. See letter attached to notes.

New Business

- Ben Wahli (Past President) led discussion about the President role.
 - Vote passed to accept Tyler’s resignation.
 - Kelly Benton nominated Joel Sauer. Terry Taylor seconded nomination. Board members voted unanimously to appoint Joel as new President.
- Discussed/reviewed ongoing initiatives, including but not limited to: Moody Park, Summer Block Party, brick street/allies restoration through the City.
- Home tour: discussed making it a priority to recruit a chairperson for the committee and separate the responsibilities from the Board. Tour meetings will be separate and the committee chair will report back to the board.

- Kevin Rothgeb offered to attend SWAP meetings on behalf of the neighborhood. Kelly will reach out.
- Discussed standing committees in the bylaws: planning and historic. There is currently no one serving or heading either committee.
- 1315 Rockhill Update: The garage built by the new homeowners does not meet expectations as outlined by the covenant written by the neighborhood when it sold the house. Discussed board action to request that improvements are made to the garage. A letter will be drafted to be reviewed by President before sending.

Officer Reports

- Treasurer: George has meeting scheduled with Greg Brandt to transfer all Treasurer duties.
- Membership: 53 current memberships. Terry discussed ideas for membership initiatives including online dues payment, automatic renewal for membership, door hangers with a QR Code to link to membership sign-up, and welcome packets to new homeowners in the neighborhood

Plan for the association meeting: introduce Joel as the new president, request volunteers for Home Tour

To-do items for February Board Meeting:

- Set the calendar for the year.
 - Tyler will head the Neighborhood Clean-up. He reserved a neighborhood clean-up dumpster for West Central on Saturday, May 6th at the parking lot located at Wilt/Van Buren. He also pre-registered for the TV & Tire Program drop-off to be on May 6th.
- Approve the 2023 Budget

Concluded – 7:52PM

Tyler Bowers
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12/20/2022

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Dear West Central Board Members :

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the role of Association President of the Historic West Central Neighborhood, effective Thursday, January 12th, at 6:05 pm. As my family continues to grow and my responsibilities as an Account Executive with Employee Plans, LLC continue to expand, I am no longer able to provide the time and energy required to be the proactive leader this neighborhood deserves and requires.

It is not my intention to step away from an active role within the West Central Neighborhood Association. I would still like to organize and lead the 2023 Spring Neighborhood Clean-up and Summer Block Party events. Dialing back on the number of Board, Association, & Tour meetings I'm required to attend will allow me to be home more in that crucial 6 pm – 8 pm window of time to assist with dinner, bath time, and story time with my kids.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to lead the board of this great neighborhood over the past year, and I remain heavily invested in the continued success of West Central as the best place to live in all of NE Indiana.

Sincerely,

Tyler Bowers