

North Salina Community Development, Inc.

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue

December 17, 2015

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began about 7:00 p.m.

Attendance. Eleven persons were present including Jon Blanchard, mayor; Johnna Vosseller, USD 305 board of education and NSCD treasurer; Gary Hobbie, director of community and development services for the city of Salina; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

All officers were present.

Minutes. The minutes of the November 19th meeting were approved with the following correction: vice-president Jeanette Grant was present.

Treasurer's report through December 17, 2015. Total income: \$14,335.59; total expense: \$12,694.35; net ordinary income: \$1,641.24 and total liabilities and equity: \$4,469.60. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food will be distributed Saturday, December 19th at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. report by Greg Stephens. The annual meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in March with a speaker discussing retailing. The 20/20 group will sponsor a meeting, which will be open to the public, on downtown development,

North Salina landscape report by Barb Young. The work is progressing and all landscaping funds have been spent.

Food Truck report by Barb Young. Efforts on this project will be tabled until spring.

Hawthorne Park artwork report by Barb Young. The work is progressing.

North Town District brochure report by Greg Stephens. Photographs are needed for the brochure.

Revision of the NSCD mission statement. Several statements were suggested with the first choice being "facilitate residents and businesses in revitalizing the Salina North Town district." A committee will consider this further and report at the January meeting.

Discussion of additional NSCD goals for 2015 through 2016. The groups are: Economic Development, Redevelopment, Youth Engagement Activities, Community Engagement and Recreational Opportunities. Other possible goals are 1) have the Hog Roast and Barbeque at Lakewood Park and include a Frisbee tournament and 2) cooperate with Pepsi on their Santa day. Greg Stephens will prepare a summary that will be forwarded to the NSCD members for their consideration.

Landscaping project at Ninth and North Streets in collaboration with the Saline County Mounted Patrol. Westar will remove trees in that area and mulch them.

New Business

Discount Tickets for the Salina Community Theatre production of Laughter on the 23rd Floor are available for the January 8th, 9th and 10th performances.

Deck the House Contest. No home was sponsored this year.

Elections. In January all four officer positions and four board member positions will expire and elections will be held at that annual meeting. Mike Wilson and Jon Blanchard volunteered to serve on a nominating committee.

The officer positions are president, vice – president, treasurer and secretary. The board members whose terms are expiring are Rosie Sickler Johnna Vosseller, Don Fortin and Mike Wilson. NSCD members, especially those who live in North Salina, are urged to be candidates.

Welcoming AllPak Batteries to North Salina. Jeanette Grant will prepare a card and a letter will be written.

Partnership with Pepsi for the 2016 Santa day event. This will be considered.

Open Forum

The **Little Library** near Hawthorne Park has not been successful and may be removed. The NSCD may request that we sponsor it.

The **pubic is invited** to the following two events.

A film, sponsored by the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, will be shown on January 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Steiffel Theater.

A film entitled “Forks over Knives” will be shown at the Unitarian church on January 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Future **Famers’ Markets** may be held in a different location.

The **Volunteer Connection** has had a reduction in funds and the office at 239 N. Santa Fe will be closed, perhaps at the end of March. The several projects will be managed by other agencies with the United Way managing the VITA tax program.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:25 p.m.

The annual meeting is scheduled for January 21st.