

Springfield ICON
Membership Meeting
July 30, 2018
First Church of the Brethern

Present: Carol Kneedler, Kerry Noonan-Lewis, Jill Steiner, Suzie Weissberg, Jess Weitzel, LaKeisha Purchase, Bill Baskett, Kristin DiCenso, Tom Raymond, Ernie Slottag, Rianne Hawkins, Jim Kent, Sam Cahnman, Alicia Colbert, April Poole

1. Convened at 6:31pm

2. ICON Business

A. Minutes - approved as presented

B. Treasurer's Report

a. \$8,811.92 balance

1. Income:

2. Expenses:

C. City Council update - Alderwoman DiCenso

a. No meeting last Tuesday, 7/24 (five Tuesdays in July)

b. Long meetings lately

1. Homelessness

A. Update on recent vote: failed, it was a bandaid to the issue

B. SPD did an inventory and found approx. 50 "established"

homeless persons

C. Lakeisha Purchase, Capital Township: addressing recent opinion in SJ-R - realistically only \$200,000 or so in Capital Township reserve; there's no way Capital Township can support a day shelter

2. New downtown YMCA - \$5.9m in TIF request

3. Lumber Lane TIF district

A. Feedback: Need links to be more transparent; one person had to search themselves for the PGAV report

4. SpringHill Suites groundbreaking this month at Legacy Pointe

5. Benedictine Forum - \$3m for 13 buildings, seller does not really want to parcel the property out and sell individually

D. Problem Properties update - no update at this time

E. By-law changes

a. Article V - Meetings

1. Information about the regularly scheduled meetings for the next calendar year shall be provided verbally at the December Annual Meeting

A. Vote result: Omnibus vote (motion by Susie Weissburg, second by Jess Weitzel; approved by voice vote)

b. Article VI - Steering Committee

1. The Steering Committee of Springfield ICON PAC shall be chosen in a general election before December 31 of each year

2. Vote result: ibid above

F. Church update after retirement of Pastor Creston

- a. April Poole is new contact for security system
- b. Still waiting on assignment of an interim and permanent pastors; interviews

ongoing

1. Hopeful to have a pastor in place by October

c. Church Board is happy to have ICON continue meeting here

G. Announcements

a. Good Neighbor Award nominations now open; to be recognized at the Annual Meeting in November

b. Bites on the Boulevard: 8/7 (one week early to accommodate the State Fair dates), 5-9pm, 1413 S. MacArthur Blvd

c. Bally Vaughn apartments back on the Zoning Commission agenda

d. National Night Out: August 7th

1. Iles Park and Harvard Park joining together for an event at Iles Park

2. Enos Park and Lincoln Park joining together for an event at Enos Park

3. Historic West Side at Westminster Church

4. Trevi Gardens, deciding location

5. Hawthorne Place doing theirs on 9/8

6. The Avenue having another food truck (Appetite on the Avenue) event on October 9th, Shop 'N Save parking lot, 430-830pm

e. Coffee with Kristen on 9/15 at Laurel Street Mel-O-Cream, 8am-?

3. Discussing the Aldermanic Forum

A. Questions to ask?

a. Position on TIF districts

b. Position on pension liabilities around budget

c. Ideas around governmental efficiency

d. Supporting a landlord registry

1. Including inspection and licensing of rental properties

e. Putting garbage service on CWLP bill

f. Future of CWLP

g. Revenue question: solution to generate new revenue

h. What are the 3 biggest issues facing the city budget?

i. How to improve relationships between city elected officials and neighborhoods

B. Suggestions

a. Split the Forum into multiple nights

1. Carol to get a spreadsheet to Jill Steiner about volunteers needed

4. Adjourned 8:06pm