

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
September 5, 2018 Minutes
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside**

I. Introductions and Welcome. Called to order 7:19 after food was served. Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

II. Secretary's report. Matt presented August meeting minutes. Yasmeen moved to approve, Jared seconded, passed by acclimation.

III. Henry reported that the Checking balance is \$11,202.11 Savings balance is \$3,558.84.

IV. Community liaison officers McNeill and Crawford were present to provide a Public Safety Report for Zone 5

- A. The garden club report of stolen plants was referenced and the officers reported that the suspect is known and that Detective O'Donnell is working the case.
- B. Car break-ins of opportunity were discussed, as they continue to be frequent. Recently several young children (10 and 11) were apprehended in the act and contributed to the clearing of several cases. Officers stressed that all residents should keep valuable out of their cars and keep cars locked to reduce targets.
- C. Officers were asked about abandoned cars on Chislett Street. They recommended calling 311, and offered to drive by the specific location in question.
- D. Stacey reported a Zone 5 meeting next Tuesday at 7pm at the Union Project.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Membership: Allison reported that though membership has wound down for the year, new members can still join.
- B. Bar bingo is September 29th, doors at 6, first game at 7pm, tickets are \$20 each or \$160 for a table of 8 (\$25 at the door). PayPal sales go live this Friday.
- C. October 20th is the Fall-o-ween event, tentatively at the Bulldog. There will be kids' events and the costume contest.
- D. Fall clean up is tentatively scheduled for October 13th. Ryan mentioned that Pitt students may be available to help, but that given the Spring turnout from the neighborhood, he'd like to forego the Pitt students.

VII. New Business

- A. Emily Schartner (a new resident) works for the western PA conservancy, and spoke about the tree tender program via TreeVitalize. She would like to enlist more participants to schedule training and a group planting day for the neighborhood. The deadline is in a week, but the application can be submitted for the whole neighborhood group.

B. The question was raised about the future use of the former Rec Center building after the seniors relocate to Morningside Crossing. Dana was deputized to reach out to the councilwoman's office to start this discussion and plant the seed of this idea.

VIII. Patty moved to adjourn, seconded by Matt and passed unanimously.