
President Cory Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was held in the Goodrich Middle School library.

Attendees: Cory Williamson-President, Brian Jung-Treasurer, Matt Garner-Vice President, Anne Pamperl-Secretary, Wendy Morrissey, Cheryl Wells, Gloria Kuebler, Board members; Marilynne Bergman, Bookkeeper; Tim Gill and Stacie Jung, Association members. Wendy Morrissey had Janet Emery's proxy vote.

Secretary's Report: Cory asked Anne to read the minutes from the August 2018 Board meeting. After the minutes were read, Wendy made a motion the minutes be approved as read. Cheryl seconded the motion. Cory asked if there was any discussion. No one had any comments so a vote was taken on the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bills from the preceding month included the following:

U.S. Post Office	\$82.00 (1-year P.O. Box rental)
T&D Mowing	\$920.00 (4 mowings of commons, 2 mowings of right-of-way, empty trash)
Lincoln Electric System	\$31.04 (light by playground)
Marilynne Bergman	\$612.50 (bookkeeping)

Anne made a motion to pay the bills as read, and Matt seconded the motion. Some members talked about mowing, trimming, and spraying in the commons while others read through the bookkeeper's bill. Cory then called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Item 1, File cabinet in the storage unit – Anna Williamson's employer donated a file cabinet to BENA. The 4-drawer, fire-safe file cabinet was moved by Cory to the storage unit. He constructed a wooden base so the file cabinet does not sit directly on the concrete floor. Cory and Anna donated drawer racks so that files can be hung within the drawers. When the temperatures moderate, BENA files will need to be organized within the new file cabinet.

Item 2, Flier for fall commons cleanup – Wendy suggested 2 flier drops but after discussion the Board decided to do one flier and include the cleanup in the newsletter that will be distributed in October. Wendy suggested the flier drop take place two weeks prior to the cleanup date, 3 November. Wendy volunteered to design the cleanup flier and will list the cleanup activities in the flier. The Board needs volunteers with pickups and trailers. Gloria talked to Steve who lives near her, and he will help if he is free on the cleanup date and if someone will help him unload his trailer when he goes to the landfill. Wendy will talk to Kent Pierce to see if any of the University's men's clubs will volunteer. Wendy will donate printing. The Tree Committee will walk the commons and put together an action plan. Cory will post the cleanup on Facebook (FB) and the Next Door app as well as the BENA website. Wendy asked how well the social media outreach was going. Cory reported an average of 15 likes per FB post, each post is reaching 197 people, 203 like BENA's FB page, and average engagement is 193 people. Wendy asked if Cory could set up an RSVP on FB for the cleanup and he said yes. Matt suggested starting a member email list for future notifications and newsletters, and all agreed that is a good idea and email collection can start when the next annual dues statement is mailed out January 2019.

Someone wondered if any Boy Scout volunteers would be willing to help. Board members discussed providing lunch at the cleanup, which would be donated by Board members; thus no cost to BENA.

Item 3, Garage sale signs – Cory announced he had put out the garage sale signs Monday afternoon prior to the meeting. He had to do some modifications of the signs and make some repairs.

Item 4, October meeting site – Wendy let the Board know Goodrich Middle School will not be available for our October meeting because Lincoln Public Schools are on fall break at that time. Wendy will check with Eiseley Library to see if their meeting room is available. Brian will see if JB's, which used to be Beacon Hills, will set up meeting space (the restaurant has done that for other groups). The Board will make a decision via email if more than one venue is available 16 October.

Item 5, Dangling tree limb behind Tim Gill's house – Cory updated the Board on the outcome of the large dangling limb removal. He tossed 2 ropes over the branch, tied each to the limb, tied the ropes to his Jeep. and then pulled the limb down. Cory and Tim cut the limb up and cleaned up the leaves and smaller limbs, which took around 2 hours. Cory reported another limb splintered in the willow, which leans toward private property. The limb is high and large and will need to be removed by a tree company.

Item 6, Bill for July brush pile chipping – Cory has asked Alec of Aim High/Acme for the bill four times and still hasn't received it. Cory also gave him a deadline for delivery in a text message on 21 August. The deadline was delivery by the date of the September meeting, the 18th, but no bill was delivered. Back on 21 August, Alec confirmed Cory's address and then didn't leave the bill at Cory's house because Cory was not home. Cheryl suggested Cory send Alec a thank you note along with a donation receipt to see if that generates a bill.

Item 7, Swing set vandalism – Yvonne Dahl told Cory someone had vandalized one of the swings. The carbiners that attached the swing to the swing set frame were removed and thrown into the flow liner. Cory has 3 of the 4 carbiners. Dan Tvrdy of T&D Mowing is thought to have the 4th carbiner. Cory used a padlock in place of the missing 4th carbiner so that the swing can't be stolen if this happens again.

Item 8, Flow liner issues – Cory asked Anne to make a brief report on the flow liner problems. Anne reminded the Board that she had sent a summary to them that described the problems and potential solutions based on her walk of the flow liner with Kyle Hauschild of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. Mr. Hauschild had seen the flow liner and some of its issues 3 or 4 years earlier and noted the problems with the Old Glory drainage washout hadn't change much in that time. While the flow liner needs attention, it isn't as pressing an issue as the trees, which pose potential liability to BENA.

Item 9, Welcome packets – Stacie Jung presented a BENA logo her cousin, Matt Robertson, had drafted for use on the newsletter, etc. After discussion, Stacie will have her cousin redesign the logo so that it has a more patriotic appearance. Stacie let the Board know that she has 15 to 20 welcome packets prepared, and she is hoping to receive some coupons from local businesses for inclusion soon. Anna Williamson donated 20 copies of the bylaws and declarations for inclusion in the packets. Stacie

checked into the cost of having a print shop produce the folders and copies of bylaws and declarations and found that each of the printers wanted around \$200 and prefer a bulk order. For now, Board members will contribute printing and folders. Matt pointed out we can adjust the contents as time goes by.

Item 10, Duties of officers – Cory asked Anne to read the duties of the officers, which are in the bylaws, Article 8, Section 8. After Anne finished, Cory pointed out that Marilynne, the bookkeeper, was performing many of these duties. Marilynne at that point asked to speak. She read a letter of resignation and stated that she believed the Board had lost confidence in her. Cory told her that was not true and that the Board was looking primarily to comply with the bylaws but secondarily to reduce bookkeeping costs. Marilynne stated that she had been the bookkeeper for 5 years and had picked out the accounting software for BENA and had implemented the use of the laptop for accounting after the laptop's purchase by Jared Reimers in 2013. She stated that her resignation was effective this evening, 18 September 2018. She stated that she had compiled the 2017 records so that the Board could arrange for the financial review of the records. Someone said they thought that had been done. Anne checked past minutes and told the Board that the 2016 records were reviewed in the fall of 2017 so the 2017 records still need to be reviewed. Marilynne provided a list of items she was turning over to the Board and asked that an officer sign her copy of the list, which Cory did. Marilynne provided Cory with a copy of her resignation letter. Cory then went through a list of eight problems that had arisen during collection of the annual dues in 2018 with Marilynne and the Board. He stated that all problems were now resolved. Marilynne left after the end of the discussion of her resignation, and Matt collected the records in her vehicle and transferred them to his. Matt told the Board he would put the records in the storage unit the day after the meeting. The PO Box key was given to Anne. The Board then talked about the bookkeeper duties list that was drafted prior to the meeting by Cory and reviewed by the Board members via email. Wendy said the duties should be considered a guideline as the new bookkeeper may request changes. Other Board members agreed. Wendy made a motion the Board obtain three quotes from bookkeepers for taking care of the BENA books. Cheryl seconded the motion. Cory clarified the bids needed to be "hard bids" and not estimates. Cory called for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 11, Financial review of 2017 records – Cheryl volunteered to talk to Bonnie Isom, who performed the financial review of the 2016 records, to see if she is willing to do the financial review of the 2017 records. Matt made a motion to have the 2017 records reviewed by Bonnie Isom by the October Board meeting or as soon thereafter as Bonnie is able to do the review. Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Item 12, BENA email address – Cory told the Board he will create a new email address for BENA to replace the one Marilynne had created and used, mkb.bena@gmail.com.

Matt moved the meeting adjourn, Cory seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.