

St Johns Boosters General Meeting Minutes -- August 17, 2016

7:30 Call to order by Beth Presico, acting as Chair.
Three Board members were present– Beth, Charlie Te, and Nancy Arvesen
Introductions by 14 attendees were made.

Howard Greenfield made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Jennifer Levy seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Treasures Report: Charlie informed us that it was the same as in July.

IT report: Mary Ann Aschenbrenner was on vacation. Beth reported that there is a mandatory grant writing seminar given by Venture Portland on Wednesday, Sept 7 from 5:30–8:00. If we wish to apply for grants from Venture Portland, two members must attend.

Membership: Boosters now have 39 members (at the time of this report).

Business District Relations: It was suggested that the Board ask Nature's Pet about putting a Business District Open sign up. They are very strategically located.

Promotions: The event to help Suzanne from the James John Café and raise money for medical concerns was a wonderful success. Her parents were blown away by the participation and amount raised \$7500. They began to understand why their daughter stayed here instead of going home.

Revive the Plaza: Kert Wright and Beth had a wonderful idea about creating canvas wraps for the unpainted planters so they can be changed seasonally or for a special occasion such as the Roosevelt HS Homecoming (black and gold). The painted planters have been redone and look great.

It was mentioned that we need a local organization planning calendar that anyone in St Johns can get to in order to know what events are happening.

Operation Light Up St Johns: Need to raise money to do maintenance on the lights and possibly add new ones. October Fest was discussed. Jennifer Levy thought that we should table the October Fest until next year as it is very late to start and we need to find volunteers. The members agreed to postpone.

Kert mentioned a fund raising idea that she heard of in Kenton that we might use instead. Using small paint cans that businesses can put on their counters, we ask for community donations for the project. There was discussion about

what we would use to cover the cans and if we could put up a progress poster at the Farmer's Market. Melissa Bartoszewski offered to make a graphic and was accepted. Kert said she would take the cans to businesses and others offered to help.

Ideas: put updates of progress on the marquees; put an article in the Review; have Mary Ann put it on the website. If you would like to help or have an idea you would like to work on, please let the Booster Board know.

Sean Gilligan come to talk about his families' new enterprise "Jack's Station", formally the Auto Care Center. They are creating a mixed use building that will be a hub for professionals, a restaurant, and in the rear a place for light manufacturing. Talked to the community and found that they wanted a full menu restaurant. **Gabagool** is coming soon. Check out the website <http://www.jacks-station.com>.

New Business: If you wish to vote in the St Johns Neighborhood elections, according to the by laws -- All members who have attended at least one (1) of the last two (2) general or special meetings of the membership shall have one vote each to be cast during attendance at any general or special meeting.

Mainstreet has switched from networking to Biz Mobs. Come to a local business to network and shop.

Tuesday, September 13th

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Plew's Brews

8409 N Lombard

Tuesday, October 11th

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Etcetera

8621 N Lombard

Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon is expanding their services. Look them up and see what they can do for your business. meso@mesopdx.org email or <http://capstone.unst.pdx.edu/partners/micro-enterprise-services-of-oregon-meso>

Criminal Activity: Kert told us of a facebook page that is only for business owners. It is an owners forum that includes St Johns, Kenton, Overlook, Arbor Lodge, University Park and Portsmouth. You must have a brick and mortar store to be part of it. Now there are about 67 members. It is a good place to get updates on criminal activity in the area, good way for business owners to be aware of what is happen around them.

Patti's Home Plate Cruise In will be on 8/27. It is a fund raiser for the Good Samaritan Food Bank. It will be from 3:00-9:00.

Community cleanup will be on Saturday, 8/27 starting at 7:30 AM. Folks will meet at George Middle School. There will be a barbeque afterward.

The local grave site cleanup will be on Sunday Aug 28.

Submitted by Nancy Arvesen