

Community Building
Minutes
December 1, 2023

Susan Larson-Fleming, recorder

Attending: Jerry Stein, Susan Larson-Fleming, Lynn Von Korff, David Frank, Amy Kaminsky

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

1. Neighborhood welcome packet: now published in PPA's newsletter and ppe-list. Andy is working on adding it to the PPA webpage. Possible option is website purchase. Continued outreach and marketing needed.
2. PPA budget discussion. Concern about the remaining NRP funds. Community Building has \$14,000 contracted funds that must be used for outreach. A Mpls City Council member has suggested that the city take all remaining unspent NRP funds. Contracted items have had their contracts renewed through 2023. January 12 is next meeting of the PPA Finance committee. Requests for funds should reach Lynn by January 6 (next meeting of Community Building is January 5).
3. Jackson update: Minneapolis School Board at its Nov 15 meeting, voted to name the Pratt playground the Jackson Family Playground. Planning will start on a spring 2023 event for school, community and Jackson family. PPA has \$2520 in unspent contributions for the Jackson project (\$1,520 restricted for Jackson project by Pratt PTO and individual donors and \$1000 designated for Jackson project by PPA's board). Possible part of the \$14,000 outreach funds can be used. NRP funds cannot be used for food or entertainment. Next steps: contact family for their availability; talk with Pratt school; create budget. Ashley and her family are moving to Panama before the end of 2022. She wants to remain involved in the project.
4. Learning Dreams. Jerry will seek reimbursement for funds used by Kyra for her classes at Luxton. Jerry has paid her expenses for the photos programming. Most of the \$5000 allocated for Learning Dreams will not be spent but perhaps be used for educational efforts around the Jackson project.
5. Doors Open. David Frank and Liza (PPA staff person) attended the informational zoom session today sponsored by RETHOS, the coordinating agency. Dates are Saturday and Sunday May 13 and 14, 10 to 5 both days. Rethos will publicize and provide some volunteers but most must come from neighborhood. Application deadline is Dec. 31 but early applications can be submitted by Dec. 9. David will tackle this, with input from CB and Friends of Tower Hill Park members. Liza will create the volunteer signup. Our participation will only occur if the Tower is cleared for safe entry by the public.

Next meeting: January 5, 4:30. Zoom