



## **SoWe Lead Board Meeting**

November 26, 2018 5:30 PM

Christ Lutheran Church

2 W. Strawberry St.

Lancaster, PA 17603

(Audio from meetings are recorded to establish accurate meeting minutes)

### **Minutes:**

**Board Members Present:** Peter Barber, Susannah Bartlett, Jason Busz, Bianca Cordova, Gene Duncan, Rachel Eck, Dick Hecker, Ole Hongvanthong, Carole Kirchner, Marie Linares-King, Willonda McCloud, Stu Metzler, Martha Montes, Luis Ortega, Vicente Ramos, Audrey Skilton, Lt. Glenn Stoltzfus, Jeff Tischer.

**Board Members Excused:** Christina DiCola, Vasthi Dominguez Acosta, Christina Ortega, Nate Roach, Karen Schloer, Abby Tucker.

#### **1. Call to Order**

Gene Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

#### **2. Public Comment**

Pastor Beth Hawk welcomed the board and invited participants to tour Christ Lutheran Church following the meeting.

#### **3. Committee Discussion/Action Items**

- **Website Update**  
Jeff Tischer informed the board that the final design and formatting of the site is near complete. Board members should submit their bios to Jake Thorsen to be included in the website. A photographer will be at the December 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting to take board portraits. Website should be up and running by the end of the year.
- **Safety Camera Updates**  
Dick Hecker reported on a presentation that the Lancaster Safety Coalition(LSC) made to the Safety Committee. The Coalition will be upgrading their camera system to include cameras that can continuously view 360 degrees. SoWe cameras will be installed while the camera system is being upgraded. There is no timeline for the installation currently.
- **SoWe Photo Project- Economic Opportunity**  
Ole Hongvanthong stated that Economic Opportunity is planning to host a site the Lancaster Art Walk in the spring. The committee needs historic photos of Cabbage Hill to curate an phot exhibit for the event.



- **Home Workshop- Housing**  
Jake Thorsen explained that the Housing Committee and Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership are organizing a workshop on housing opportunities and issues. The goal is to provide resources to individuals at all levels of housing needs. The workshop will encourage people to take productive steps to homeownership. The board recommended discussing credit as a piece of the workshop and promoting it through the Block Liaisons and Price's Community Folders. A LHOP homebuyer course will be scheduled a few weeks after the workshop for individuals who want to take the next step.

The LHOP Homebuyer Course that was held on 11/17 had 25 participants, 5 of those were SoWe residents.

- **Block Liaisons- Neighborhood Connections**  
Mr. Thorsen asked the board to provide names of potential Block Liaisons on their blocks.
- **Trick-or-Treat Halloween Report/Next Steps for the Parks Committee-Parks**  
Rachel Eck reported on that over 250 people attended the Trick-or-Treat event and over 2,000 pieces of candy were distributed. The Parks Committee will be focusing on trash cans, promotion of the adopt-a-block program, and the creation of pocket parks in the new year.

The board discussed hosting a Holiday event next year; possibly a tree lighting at Culliton Park.

- **City Council Report**  
Jeff Tischer reported on the body camera meeting that was held by the City of Lancaster. Mr. Tischer also reported on the Council sessions in November which included the passage of resolution to that allows the city to notify the owner and the property management company if there is a code violation.

#### **4. New Business**

- **SoWe Revitalization Plan Quarterly Report**  
Jake Thorsen reviewed the quarterly report submitted to Wells Fargo Regional Foundation and highlighted accomplishments from August 2018 to November 2018.
- **Board Training Discussion**  
The Board reported and discussed key take-aways from the board training. Mr. Thorsen distributed SoWe Board Members Roles and Responsibilities and reviewed them with the group. A board self-assessment was also distributed to the board to complete and return at the December meeting. Clearances for child abuse and criminal history are due to the SoWe Neighborhood Director.



The board recommended setting up a board training at least three months prior so members can schedule appropriately.

- December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting  
At the December meeting the board will determine their board terms. Terms will be set so 1/3 of the board turns over each year. Nominations for officers will also be brought to the floor in December for a vote at the January meeting.

## **5. Community Updates**

- New LHOP Chief Operating Officer  
Shelby Nauman is LHOP's new Chief Operating Officer. Jeremy Young will represent Lancaster City Alliance at SoWe meetings from now on.

- Events/Announcements

Jake Thorsen announced the following events:

- SDoL Job Fair 12/12/18 3:30–6 pm at Washington Elementary School
- SoWe Job Fair 1/17/18 4-6 pm at The Literacy Council
- SoWe/LHOP Home Workshop, date/location: TDB

Bianca Cordova stated that Painting with a Cop occurred at Price Elementary and was well received by students and Families.

Willonda McCloud stated that Breakfast with a Cop and Painting with the Police will occur at Bright Side in December.

Jim Gerhart stated he is working on a history project regarding Manor St. Jake will send Jim's contact information out to the board, so they can share documents or information.

## **6. Adjournment**

Willonda McCloud made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Tischer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.