BOARD MEMBERS: Robert Bearden – Bill Bonnell – Venus Dergan - Andy Mordhorst – Pennie Smith – Bruce West – Heidi White

ABSENT: Excused - Kimberly Bernhoft and Skip Vaughn

ATTENDANCE: 0 – All non Board Members non presenters and non- City staff

MINUTES: Motion made by Andy to adopt the December 3, 2015 board meeting minutes. Seconded and approved.

TREASURE’S REPORT: Pennie – STNC net worth on 12/31/15 was $8,578.50 and the bank balance is $4,232.80. December expenditures totaled $759.57 including $84.57 for newsletter printing and mailing respectively, 70th & Puget Sound Community Garden $100.00 and $75.00 for the Sector 3 Christmas Dinner for the Policemen on duty Christmas Day at Sector 3 Station. There was income of $4.38 interest for the CD. Bob motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded and approved.

CHAIR’S REPORT: Pennie Smith – Pennie thanked Skip for all he does and did for the STNC. Pennie will get a hold of Chris Beale to get password for Facebook Page. Mr. Mosley from the City will give one hour of instruction on how to have an interesting webpage and FB page for the councils. Skip has had trouble with sending (blocked) out the newsletter and is going to try to get that resolved. Bill suggested we get a City of Tacoma email address, this may solve the problem. Pennie will ask Corbin at the City for an email address (STNC @citacoma.org).

MEETING AGENDAS: NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

1. January 20, 2016 General Meeting presenter: Eliot Barnett 30 minutes/slides. If there are any extensive questions after the presentation, they can talk to Eliot outside of the meeting. This will help keep the meeting running so the meeting can be done by 8:00. Ms. Morris from Associated Ministries will do a small 3 min presentation on tax prep. During open comment for members.

2. February 17, 2016 General Meeting Presenter – Julie Anderson/Pierce County auditor on Presidential Primary and elections 30 minutes and has it publicized before she comes. Venus asked if she could talk about the Methanol plant, but there is already a public meeting being held at the Tacoma Convention Center Jan 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Bruce wanted to know if the STNC wanted to take a stance on the issue. Concerns are extensive water usage of the plant, but there will be about 200 jobs from the plant. Would like our Council Reps from the City to let us know what their take on the plant is. Would like Council Member Joe Lonergan or Council Member McCarthy to come to our meetings. Discussion of 56th St. improvements and removal of center turn lane. Discussion of S Tacoma Way angle parking.

3. 2016 Chair for Cleanup – Need a person to chair the cleanup. Any members can do this. Chair has until February to turn in application for cleanup. Pennie will ask Skip to put this in the newsletter. Edison will have their cleanup.


COMMITTEE’ REPORTS:

1. Executive Committee – Pennie Chair – Bruce, Heidi, and Bob: No Action.
2. Land Use Committee – Chair Vacant – Land Use Committee records review?
3. Scholarship Committee – Pennie Chair – Andy
4. Membership Committee – Pennie Chair – Andy

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5. Manitou Community Center Committee – Andy Chair - Venus and Pennie: Metro Parks did not contact the STNC on any changes that have been going on in the last month or so. Tenants have to vacate the Manitou Community Center as of Jan 31, 2016. The email Heidi received from Carol Wolfe referred her to contact Shawn Silva from MP. Pennie and Venus will both call Shawn on the status of the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS: Venus wanted to make it clear that the Senior Pet Food bank at the Humane Society is not the Humane Society, but a separate non-profit organization that helps seniors in our area. The donation is not for the Humane Society. Report on AIA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pennie suggested that we totally revamp our committees. Bob said according to the bylaws that there has to be an Executive, Bylaws review, and Membership committee. Bob and everyone agreed that we need to have objectives and get the membership involved so it is not just left up to the Board members. Bob suggested also having a Finance, Land use, Community Events, Community Communications, Scholarship and Awards Committees along with the Executive, Bylaws and Membership committees. Bob had many good suggestions. Pennie would like to redo map. Venus suggested before we make any new committees that we put it out to the general audience and try to get more members on to be on the committees. Pennie will contact Skip with the info for newsletter. Bring Bobs suggestion to the general members and any other ideas from the general members.

CCOT VACANCY: Suggest a person visit to see if they are interested in the position. Meetings are the 4th Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building (747 Market St.) We normally have 2 reps and one alternate, but only have one alt and one rep.

Retreat and suggested date Jan 30th or Feb 6 at the STAR CENTER with lunch 10-1. Pennie will check for availability of the STAR Center. Bruce is available Jan 30 and Feb 6. Bob does not know if he can make Jan 30th meeting, but will get back to Pennie.

Audit Treasurer’s books – Bob, Bruce and Pennie. Pennie will ask Skip about filing Taxes, annual report due/budget for 2016 and goals statement. Pennie will put all of this on the retreat agenda. Bob suggested that there be a list of all meetings and reports due for the year (good idea). Heidi will look for reports discussed and get them to Pennie.

Talked about Grocery carts that are left in neighborhoods, who will attend MLK Day at the convention center, Jennifer Kammerzell presenting to Oak Tree Safe Streets third Thursday at 7:00(Bill), CD, recycle bins for all, green vacant house in Manitou, 911 facility, getting clock for presenters (time limits), Joe Lonergan/McCarthy, and plastic bags. Bob suggested bringing up items at the General Meeting. Input from GM on what presentations they would like to have this year. Thank you to Jennifer for getting the bushes trimmed back at the Manitou Community Center off the sidewalk.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heidi White, Secretary
Manitou Representative

ADOPTED 02/04/16