



Darcey McLaughlin, President  
Stacy Helmer, Vice President  
Karen Breen-Bondie, Secretary  
Katrina Collins, Treasurer

## **Annual Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

A call to order was made by President Darcey McLaughlin at 7:05 pm. The meeting was held in the Roosevelt Elementary Media Center.

**Present:** 20 total; see sign-in sheet.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting minutes from September 18, 2013 were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katrina Collins reported that the association's bank balance is \$7,713.52. 44 residents used PayPal online dues payment option. Total collected is at 67%, which is approximately \$100 less than last year.

**President's Report:** Darcey McLaughlin introduced interim co-block director for Upper Drayton, Erika Amundsen and Lizzy Hardy, interim block director of Lower South Lewiston, who were present, and mentioned Stacey Tobar, interim co-block director for Upper Drayton; in addition to Colleen Sweeney, interim block director for Upper Maplehurst.

Darcey reviewed the process undertaken to reinstate the association's 501c(4) status. A determination could be received as early as 90 days or up to 180 if further information is needed. Lizzy Hardy of 225 W. Lewiston, an attorney in attendance, offered to assist pro bono if needed.

**Vice President's Report:** See Signage, below.

### ***Old Business:***

**Snow Plowing Committee:** Kerry Keener mentioned that Belbot's equipment had broken down during the season and he had a crew out with non-motorized snowblowers. Belbot communicated throughout the season and was diligent in the service they provided. Both Carol Frederick and Deb Sobolewski recommended tipping Belbot. A motion was made to provide Belbot Services with a \$500 bonus for their excellent services during last winter's excessive snow by Debbie Sobolewski. Seconded by Stacy Helmer. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Belbot also mentioned that they may consider purchasing a heavy-duty brush for next year.

**Dues:** No update.

**Annual Block Party:** Thursday, June 12. Katrina Collins, Diane Dengate, Chris Milosovich will continue to chair the event.

**Bylaws:** Karen Breen-Bondie and Pat Omans presented revised bylaws. Everyone was given a copy to review. Karen Breen-Bondie made a motion to accept the bylaws as presented. Mike Omans seconded. Pat Omans questioned the mention of "debt" in the bylaws and wondered if that referenced borrowing money. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**Block Sale:** A motion was made by Carol Frederick that the block sale expenses come out of the general fund versus collecting from participating households, the total of which should not exceed \$100. Debbie Sobolewski seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

***New Business:***

**Elections:** The current slate and the new and existing block director slates were presented for election. There were no additional nominations from the floor for either the executive committee or block directors. Motion was made by Carol Frederick to accept the executive slate as presented. John Boag seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. A motion to accept the block director slate was accepted as presented by Darcey McLaughlin and seconded by Diane Dengate. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

Diane Dengate seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

**Safety Update:** Katrina reported that our neighborhood is the safest part of Ferndale. An app has been created and in effect for about one month. It posts, in real time, crimes in Ferndale. There has been a marked decrease in break ins. There was a homicide in January and the suspect were apprehended within 24 hours

**Signage:** Stacy Helmer presented a detailed handout outlining the design, wording, size and prices of the signage was distributed. They would be similar to political signs. A suggestion of two weeks prior to events (Annual Block Picnic, Neighborhood Yard Sale) take place. A rain date bumper sticker could be added.

A motion was made to accept the design of the signage by Karen Breen-Bondie. Stacy Helmer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

A motion was made to fund the signage, the cost of which should not exceed \$500 by Diane Dengate. Carol Frederick and Stacy Helmer both seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion passed.

**2015 Nominating Committee:** Darcey McLaughlin inquired if anyone present was interested in serving on the nominating committee to let her know, otherwise it will be tabled until the next meeting.

**2015 Beautification Committee:** Stacy Helmer will be looking for additional committee persons to serve on the committee. Erika Amundsen offered to serve.

**Miscellaneous:** The city has a new website called ferndalemoves.com. Please offer your comments and suggestions regarding speed bumps and signage.

**Next Meeting:** Executive Board Meeting, Thursday, May 15th, location TBD. Next annual meeting will be in March 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. These minutes were taken and presented by Karen Breen-Bondie.