Sewanee Civic Association Membership meeting 4/19/17

6:10 Lynn calls meeting to order

Previous meeting minutes accepted

Special report from Susan Holmes, Community Chest Steward:

As of 4:30 today, we have $2,200 left to raise of largest goal ever set ($116,800). Expect to raise the rest by the end of the month deadline. Continue to support 26 community organizations.

2017-18 Budget: Tabling until board can prepare. Will have a special called meeting to present and allow membership to vote, will advertise meeting in newspaper.

Stephen Burnett, Park Director, report on parks:

1. Rob Matlock has served as low impact inspector of Elliott Park until now. Joseph Sumpter will take over through the end of the calendar year. Stephen will reach out for another wave of high frequency inspector volunteers.
2. Will raise money in fall for replacement chips (haven’t replenished since park was built, just standard wear and tear), will seek volunteers to help spread. Will need 1/3 load of certified playground chips, $1768.
3. Ballpark: VC John McCardell says (unofficially) it’s always going from crisis to crisis to crisis. We have no official responsibility, but we’ve been asked to intercede and be a catalytic force. Will develop mission statement, business plan, organize board, which will meet the first week of May. Need continuity/consistency. A lot of money invested over the years, we want to honor that. University says you’ve got to give us an entity to deal with. More news just before graduation.

Lynn: Ballpark consists of soccer, baseball, and playground. Needs board to maintain entire park.

Election of new Board of Directors:

Lynn Stubblefield, President

David Michaels, Vice President

Megan Roberts, Secretary

Diane Fielding, Treasurer

Aaron Welch, Member at Large

Ed motions, Leslie seconds, motion passes

Farewell and heartfelt gratitude to Doug Myers who has served as our Classified Director and is moving

and to Kiki Beavers who has served as our President and past President and has just left her seat on the

Board. We would not be where we are today without her leadership, wisdom, and persistence.

34th Annual Community Service Award to Kathleen O’Donohue, presented by Lynn Stubblefield

Kathleen’s background in community building spans decades in diverse organizations and settings. She was hired by Folks at Home at the onset of 2009 to create this local organization that the community envisioned. Immediately prior, Kathleen was Co-Coordinator of the Safety Net Program, Care Assurance Systems for Aging and Homebound (CASA), Madison Co., AL, 2004-2009. She is a licensed Physician Assistant (PA) with experience in primary care, women’s health, administration, and promoting health & wellbeing, 1984 – 2009. Kathleen is a certified Tai Chi Instructor with the Tai Chi for Health Institute. She serves on the Board of Directors of Arcadia at Sewanee, the South Cumberland Regional Land Trust and the Sewanee Community Center. (from Folks at Home website)

3rd Summa Cum Laude Award to Carol Ingle, presented by David Michaels:

Carol Ingle has been the community chest treasurer for 37 years. She is the unsung hero of this organization. She keeps up all checks, pledges, payroll deductions, stock sales and PayPal donations.

37 years working for an organization is a phenomenal number. Let us look at some other numbers.

Carol has overseen and kept records for 37 years’ worth of tax returns.

She has worked with 74 community chest stewards.

She has monitored and reconciled 444 bank statements and then 444 savings account statements.

On average, the community chest raises $100,000 a year for the community to approximately 25 organizations. Carol knows to whom every single one of the $3.7 million dollars has been allocated to and who donated the money.

Any 501c3 organization such as the Community Chest needs a strong bookkeeper and record keeper, and one who takes the fiduciary responsibility of the tax-exempt organization seriously.

We applaud and thank Carol for her work and her continued work on behalf of the Sewanee Community Chest. (written by Kiki Beavers)

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm