

HANA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13th, 2006

Time: 7:30p.m

Duration: 1:15

Place: Recreation Park West Meeting Room

Attendees: Nick Julian, Michael Weber, Dan Walsh, Pat Rosen, Ed Sobon, Barbara Doulas

Proceedings:

- 1) Attendees signed-in.
- 2) Reviewed May 2006 meeting minutes.
- 3) Previewed draft copy of May newsletter
- 4) Upcoming August HANA Picnic
 - a) Having budget issues: Need to cut costs, but decided couldn't cut hotdogs, maybe cut jumping gym, but then Ed Sobon generously donated \$250 from his personal funds to subsidize picnic costs (and whatever else HANA might need). Thanks, Ed!
 - b) **Action Item: M. Weber to notify picnic organizers (Jean, Dawn, Deb, Sherri) of next meeting.**
- 5) Dine-n-Duck – Saturday July 15th
 - a) Reservation date pushed out to July 5th because of delay in putting out May newsletter that features key information on golf outing.
 - b) Need a minimum of 40 golfers in order to hold event, otherwise it gets cancelled (with a full refund of deposit). Event projected to get min headcount.
 - c) Event is welcoming of the utter novice: can rent clubs, and is on par-3 9-hole course under lights! B. Doulas suggested this needed emphasis in newletter, though it seems appropriate emphasis was already placed in write-up.
- 6) Hickory Meadows AHEFC expansion
 - a) Denis Jones of Hickory Meadows Community Group has been sending updates on his group's opposition against the Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church expansion to the HANA members' email list. He had also sent an email to the HANA officers inquiring after HANA's group support and willingness to circulate a petition opposing the church expansion. Board members agreed to discuss issue at tonight's meeting and reach a group consensus on HANA's position.
 - b) Decided the issue is out of the scope of HANA since the church is not located in the HANA region (though Pat Rosen pointed out the expansion may cause an increase in traffic surrounding the schools attended by HANA students during school hours). It was ultimately decided that people could chose to support or oppose the issue on a personal level. Contrast with the St. James Church expansion which is definitely a HANA concern.
 - c) Decided not to cover issue in newsletter because of risk of seeming to side with one party or the other. Should be enough coverage on the issue in the local papers and HANA would not be adding any new information.

- d) The issue brought up a question on the current HANA by-laws and the need to define the direction and focus of HANA for the future (more on this later in meeting).
 - e) **Action Item: M. Weber to obtain a copy of the HANA by-laws (from John Triss?).**
 - f) **Action Item: E. Macke to ensure privacy of HANA members' email list to appropriate usage within HANA group.**
- 7) Newsletter Delivery
- a) Coordinator of newsletter delivery, Dave Landeweher, is out of town, and no one got the list of delivery block captains from him! Timely distribution of the May/June newsletter is critical given the inclusion of several time-sensitive events.
 - b) **Action Item: M. Weber to coordinate a very focused alternate newsletter distribution campaign.**
 - c) **Action Item: Next meeting: Need to revisit newsletter distribution issues: delivery window, surplus amount of newsletters, ...**
- 8) Leadership Changes
- a) Need to realign board positions. Dan Walsh to step down as president and instead become a board member due to time constraint issues. Michael Weber to assume presidency and Pat Rosen to assume vice-presidency.
- 9) Insurance
- a) Discussion deferred until return of Mike Kalway.
 - b) Current policy effective until July 17th.
- 10) Frontier Days Booth run by HANA for July 4th.
- a) Still need to fill both early and late shifts. Target approx 12 volunteers per shift. Have 5-6 volunteers for early shift. Desperately in need of volunteers for late shift! Need to emphasize in newsletter.
 - b) Note: subsequently discovered the AH fireworks to be held on the 3rd, not the 4th, so that may enable more volunteers to be free to work the late shift.
 - c) E. Macke featured this as a front page issue in May/June newsletter.
- 11) Building HANA, Tasks for the Future
- a) There are a lot of issues on the table such as defining HANA goals, insurance, newsletter delivery, as well as focusing on future events such as a membership drive, pumpkin carving, neighborhood watch, welcome team, park play-group, etc. that there isn't time to address at the regular HANA meetings.
 - b) Plan to have core group meet next month (July -- normally don't meet that month) to define goals of HANA and form task groups (suggested by P. Rosen). These groups would meet outside regular meetings and supply updates at the main meeting to others.
 - c) Newsletter Changes
 - i) Consider adding a personal commentary from a HANA board member (primarily president) in the newsletter to lend a personal touch and convey a special message to the readership. "A Word from your HANA <president, other officer>". Discuss at future meeting the focus to take here.
 - ii) Consider charging an annual donation or "premium membership" for regular classified ads run in the newsletter (such as a \$50 annual fee). Discuss this

with membership task force and newsletter editor to work out details such as when to collect and how inform HANA public of change.

12) Good of the Order; Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Summary of June Action Items

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- *M. Weber to obtain a copy of the HANA by-laws (from John Triss?).*
- *E. Macke to ensure privacy of HANA members' email list to appropriate usage within HANA group.*
- *M. Weber to coordinate a very focused alternate newsletter distribution campaign for the May/June newsletter.*
- *Next meeting: Need to revisit newsletter distribution issues: delivery window, surplus amount of newsletters, ...*
- *Next meeting: See section 11, Building HANA, Tasks for the Future*

Summary of outstanding May Action Items

- *B. Doulas to investigate lowering printing costs.*
- *B. Doulas to look into membership drive to increase active members.*
- *E. Macke to add officer email addresses to newsletter/website (note: officers need to confirm email is operational).*
- *M. Kalway to look over current policy and investigate insurance issues.*
- *D. Walsh to explore alternate HANA meeting locations (library, residence, restaurant, etc.).*