

LHBA Board Meeting, Jan. 11, 2018

Present: Lisa MacMartin, Jeff Meyer, Bryce Hamilton, Bonnie Bolton, Liz Gingrey, Barb Nei

Neighborhood News:

There are so many exciting changes and upcoming events in the neighborhood! Lisa reported that the Christian Scientist Reading Room has been vacated and that Heartfelt is expanding into the space. She expects that the move will be completed in late winter/early spring. Congratulations Lisa, we will be looking forward to a bigger and better Heartfelt soon!

And our latest addition to the Linden Hills food scene, Martina Restaurant is up and open and reportedly very busy. We are hearing great reports that it is a great and exciting addition to Linden Hills.

Also, the Art Shanty Projects will be on Lake Harriet for four weekends, January 13 – Feb. 11. It promises to be an exciting time for Linden Hills and we can't wait to see what the artists offer. The Business Owners Association sponsored the Art Shanty Projects with a donation of \$2500. Based on feedback from Steve Arnold of Great Harvest and a visit to the Art Shanty Projects on opening weekend, the Board decided not to print coupons for distribution there.

The 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting will be held at the Zumbro this Tuesday, January 16th and all LHBA members are invited. We will be enjoying refreshments and a light supper provided courtesy of the Zumbro, Clancy's, Great Harvest and Rose Street (Barb will be organizing this...) and there will be time to chat and catch up with neighborhood business owners, weigh in on the year in the neighborhood and vote on board members for the upcoming term...Lisa M. has a few sweet ice breakers planned for us and will be weighing in on Reindeer Day and Woofstock. We will be inviting members to become active on Board committees, and sharing news from our current committees about their pursuits over the course of 2017. It promises to be a great way to warm up a cold January evening and have some fun with your neighbors, so please rsvp to Lisa's email on Monday if you haven't yet, and come and join in the fun!

Bremer Bank, the newest ground floor tenant in the Linden 43 building had a neighborhood open house December 21st hosted by VP and Premier Banker Sarah Kinkeade and they were jam packed with well wishers...we are excited to welcome them to the neighborhood!

Another new tenant in Linden 43, Co-Pilot, offering professional grooming services and active outdoor dog gear for your best friend, has a sign up and will be opening soon, joining Bremer and Mint – we are looking forward to them joining us!

It was reported that our new LHBA website is in process and we are looking forward to it being up very soon.

There was a brief discussion about the Linden Hills Festival (coming up May 20th), our next neighborhood public event. Bonnie weighed in on the (rainy) event she helped host last year, and hoping for a sunnier day. Bonnie will be collecting business cards from LHBA members to have on hand for our tent, as well as other items from our membership that we could have as takeaways for the crowds. We discussed printing Linden Hills t shirts to use as a fundraiser for the association projects we sponsor, and the need for a sign for this year's Festival that would help explain the role of the Association and the projects that we initiate in the neighborhood.

Lisa mentioned that she and Barb had discussed the participation of neighborhood eateries in offering grab and go food to be available for sale to Reindeer Day visitors (and possibly also to attendees of our other public events).

And last but definitely not least, Bryce is working on further enlivening the 43 and Upton corner with a piano, once again, provided by the Pianos on Parade Program run by Keys 4/4 Kids. It has been a few years since we have been able to have this exciting, interactive project in the neighborhood and we're all looking forward to again have a piano here for all to enjoy.