

## SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025 | 7:00pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center (in-person)

### Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- May 2025 Agenda (this document)
- April 2025 Minutes
- LWV co-sponsorship agreement
- SENA April Management Report

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### Attendance

#### BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 6)

Ash Tifa, Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cherylyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait, Josh Adrian, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

**Present:** Ash Tifa, Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cherylyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Josh Adrian, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer)

**Absent, excused:** Tina Lahti

**Absent, unexcused:**

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Anne Kegley, Katie Frye, Fred DuBose, Cora Peterson, Tom, Sarah, Danielle

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**7:00 Call to Order & Roll Call (5 min)**

**7:05 Approval of consent agenda items (5 min) - [Board Motion #1](#)**

- May 2025 Agenda (this document)
- April 2025 Minutes
- SENA April Management Report

**7:10 Guests and Elected Officials (30 min)**

- 5 min - Cora Peterson
  - Tennis court update
  - Would like to table at future events, can share calendar
- 10 min - Katie Frye Roosevelt Community Ed
  - Looking for community partners
  - Can advertise classes when registration is approaching
  - Contact Us!

Roosevelt Coordinator: Maile Siemon  
Email: Maile.simon@mpls.k12.mn.us  
Lifelong Learning Coordinator: Helene Gautier  
Email: Helene.gautier@mpls.k12.mn.us  
Roosevelt Associate Educator: Katie Frye  
Email: Katie.frye@mpls.k12.mn.us  
Phone: 612-668-4828

- 15 min - Fred DuBose (SunBean)
  - Sidewalk Cafe License - adding tables, chairs, umbrellas out front, there is an existing patio in the back
  - Facade Improvement Grant - spend upfront on approved costs and then reimbursed, Sheila will check on the door replacement that already happened
  - Starting yoga in the park mid-June, donation based, 9-10am on Sundays can advertise in newsletter and boost social media parks

#### **7:40 Operations and Financials (25 min)**

- 5 min - Madelyn - secretary updates
  - Email motions passed - To engage Kate as an hourly consultant for up to 4 hours in April, May, and June at a rate of \$30.00 per hour to train and advise Amanda and Tina.
- 5 min - Shelia - treasurer updates
  - Still working on banking stuff
  - Mailer was under budget
  - Non-profit mailing permit has been updated with the correct address
- 15 min - Amanda Nicklaus - updates on work
  - Send board the flyer for some mailers for printing at events
  - Google drive - **Board Motion #2**
  - New website - <https://www.senampls.org/>
    - Add comments to the google doc
    - Will launch after the garage sale
  - LWV co-sponsorship - **Board Motion #3**
    - Have asked us to look into several locations
    - Bonnie will reach out to Roosevelt High School

#### **7:55 Committee Updates (35 min)**

- Exec Committee
  - Dates and topics of interest for retreat
    - How to apply the mission / vision / values
    - How to grow the volunteer base
    - How to diversify funding opportunities
    - How to retain and engage board members

- Look at mid - October for dates, check MEA dates Oct. 16th 17th
- Community Engagement Committee
  - Roosevelt High School theater sponsorship request
  - April 26th earth day - debrief
  - May 10th garden tool swap - debrief
    - \$145 donated, 10% will be going to the park
  - June 6-8th Garage Sale
    - Renter and senior engagement
    - Amanda: star tribune advertisement, Star Tribune has asked if we want to do repeat advertising during Garage Sale - **Board Motion #4**
    - Register by May 22nd
- Communications Committee
  - Amanda doing Tina's update
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
  - Schedule for public safety sessions
  - Neighborhood walk groups
  - Lake Hiawatha Park playground - waiting on renderings
  - Traffic on 28th update?
- Website Working Group
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**8:30 Adjourn**

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### **Board Actions & Decisions:**

1. Motion to approve consent items:
  - a. May 2025 Agenda
  - b. April 2025 Minutes
  - c. SENA April Management Report
    - Forwarded: Brynn
    - Second: Ash
    - Passed: **YES**
2. Motion to allow Amanda to reorganize the Google Drive, include an index.
  - Forwarded: Bonnie
  - Second: Carol
  - Passed: **YES**
3. Motion to approve and sign the LWV co-sponsorship agreement.

Forwarded: Shelia

Second: Bonnie

Passed: **YES**

4. Motion to approve garage sale advertisements for each day of sale.

Forwarded: Shelia

Second: Cheryllyne

Passed: **YES**