



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 9, 2014

Welcome: President Jen Dillman absent. Vice President Michael Higgins brought the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: September minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of Set.30th, MBA's Accounts Receivable: \$200; Total Current Assets: \$23,948.75; Total Liabilities & Equity: \$23,948.75.

Guest Speaker: Bryan Soady, Exec. Director, Springfield American Red Cross

- Named Exec. Director July 2014.
- The American Red Cross currently has 97 National Regions– which will be reduced to 63 nationally. Illinois has 2 Regions – North and South.
- Staffing demographics: 96% volunteers and 4% staff.
- The Illinois Capital Area Chapter serves 7 counties and partners with an additional 6 counties.
- Works with both governmental and non-governmental organizations to utilize resources.
- Volunteer Connection:

Illinois Gives: state employees can sign up for an automatic Red Cross deduction during times of disaster.

Meals on Wheels: current program will transfer to Senior Services of Illinois.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- MacArthur Park Apts: Sept. 2014: best month for low number of Police service calls. Currently, 163 apartments are rented.
- Recognized MBA member John Eck for public awareness re: MacArthur Blvd. traffic safety around HyVee and Alderman Cory Jobe's leadership re: MacArthur pedestrian safety crossing.
- Seeks update of IDOT MacArthur feasibility study.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe: Absent

Announcements:

- Guests were welcomed and invited to join MBA.
- 2015 MBA Nominating Committee was announced: John Levalley, Carol Kneeder, David Farrell and John Eck. Slate will be presented at Nov. meeting.
- Reminder: MBA will sponsor a MacArthur Boulevard Clean Up Saturday, Oct. 25th with Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. in BSS Parking Lot.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Dirksen, Secretary