

## Northwest Neighborhood Association Board Meeting minutes

August 21, 2024

The meeting was held at Panera Bread. Neighbor David Dobrenen joined us. Chris, Mary, Barb, John, Alex, and Kat were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The focus of our meeting was to debrief about the August 8 Nwana Picnic in the Park.

We began by giving Mary receipts from picnic purchases. Kat said neighbors donated about 35 pounds of food to Snowcap. She gave Mary the receipt for that donation.

Kat said she tallied expenses as we went. She said she personally tipped the balloon twisters and the bubble guy. She said we planned to pay for the raffle out of our Nwana funds, but if we have enough money from the grant we can use that to cover.

We purchased seven 3-gallon tubs of ice-cream, and four boxes of cones (about 448 cones altogether). We did run out of cones, so next year we might want to buy one more box of cones. We went through all the ice cream, and about half of the ice-pops.

Next year it would be better to keep the ice cream on ice when serving. It became very soft and slushy as the event went on. If the tables can be set up lower the servers might be more willing to keep the tubs in the ice-filled coolers.

David suggested we use "cooler bags" to serve the ice cream.

Alex asked if we could have a dairy-free option next year. Kat said the pops were the dairy free option.

Kat said there was some feedback regarding the lines for face painting and balloon twisters. She suggested that we set up cones or rope to control the line better.

Mary said she and Chris sat at the raffle table for the entire event. She said she noticed many of the picnic-ers that came up to get tickets were 10-12 year old boys, and that they weren't overly interested in the raffle items. Kat pointed out that some kids were there without parents watching them. Mary said she thinks we should have more kid friendly prizes.

Barb said she noticed that we could use a garbage can by the water dispensers. Because there wasn't one there this year many of the cups were left on the water table.

Kat suggested that the water mister be more visible. The city's party trailer was parked in front of the mister, and although many children found it, it would have been used more if everyone could have seen it.

Ideas for raffle gift cards:

Maggie May's books

Jazzy Bagel

I-Candy

Sugar Cubed

Café Delerium

Legacy Coffee

We had the non-profit tables next to the raffle table and by the ice-cream tent. They were happy to have more visitors due to the central location.

John said the Rockwood NA had a water slide at their event and that it was a big hit. Kat said that we can look into doing something like that next year.

John said he counted at least 400 attendees, but it was hard to get a good count because people kept talking to him!

Kat said there were a lot of kids participate with the balloon toss.

We saved \$400 on the port-a-potty because the city had some there for a summer program. Mary said we probably will have to pay for one next year, so we should think about that when we budget. She noticed that the face painters were very popular and there were long lines up until the end of the picnic. If we didn't have face painters, what else might we do?

**Adopt-a-Park:**

We tentatively scheduled it for October 5.

**Annual Election meeting:**

Will be held Monday, October 21.

Kat said we need to work on a good main speaker/topic to attract people to our meeting.

Alex said this meeting would be a great time to talk about trees.

**Our next Nwana board meeting:**

Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 at Panera Bread.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Kat has:**

2 large coolers for serving ice cream  
Medium cooler for ice  
Water balloons  
clips for signs  
first aid kit  
tool for water/key for electric and bollards  
Splitter for hose  
hand sanitizer  
map of NA  
Buckets/straps for canopies  
2 new ice cream scoops  
Bill's 4 large tables and 1 small table

**Will need- That Kat provided in 2024**

Boxes for food donations  
garbage bags  
wipes/ paper towels/rags  
gloves for ice cream servers  
clean hose for water

**Items John has for NA Event**

- The posters my kids made
- 2~3 pop-up canopies + tiedowns
- Misting birdbath
- A-frame sign

**Things Barb has/stores:**

Large cooler  
Two water dispensers  
Ice cream scoops  
Left over cups & napkins  
Boxes of plastic ware  
Paper plates  
Picnic signs (5)  
Canopy  
Sound system  
Small folding table  
Extension cord  
White tape

Black permanent markers  
Card stock for sign making

**Things Mary has:**

Raffle Tickets  
Donation jars (2)  
Raffle ticket jar  
Cooler if needed  
Small freezer in our garage if needed  
Raffle prizes

**Chris has:**

Fresh water containers  
Medium cooler for the pops  
Two-three five-gallon buckets  
Tie down straps  
Folding table  
100-ft. extension cord  
2 folding chairs  
Potable water hose