



Lyndale Neighborhood Association

2024 Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024, virtual

12 - 1 pm

Minutes prepared by Doug Herkenhoff, Committee Chair

X	Sami Smetana	X	Special Guest Phil with Reel Hope Program (Fishing for Life)
X	Doug Herkenhoff		
X	Michael Bull		

Meeting called to order 12:06 PM

LNA Cookie Exchange - Dec. 14, 2025 - 10AM to 11AM

- All set for the event. Doug is leading. LNA is promoting on e news and Facebook. Michael Bull arriving at 9:45AM to help set up.

Reel for Life program presentation by Phil with Fishing for Life

The Reel for Life program is geared towards at-risk youth ages 11-17. The program is funded by grants. There are 3 phases of the program:

- 1) Build a tackle box and fix rod and reels for fishing
- 2) Go shore fishing at a nearby lake.

3) Charter fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.

Phil talked about how the program works which is they have a template they follow.

- 90 day timeline requested for scheduling a date. Can be a weekday or weekend.
- They have volunteers leading the program. May request 2 volunteers from LNA.
- We discussed not including the charter fishing on Lake Mille Lacs.
- We would not want transportation included for liability reasons.
- The build a tackle box and go fishing could be a 1-day event.
- This is a christian faith-based program. However, they did say that religion could be left out of the program as LNA cannot advocate for religion in anyway.
- LNA would need to promote and help find youth to participate.
- Committee to discuss at the next Engagement committee meeting. If deciding to bring to the board, a community action plan would need to be created.

Free Fest

- No discussion at this meeting.

Book Fest

- Sami mentioned that Margo Ashmore and Hosmer library will provide a story time reading or engagement activity at the Horn Towers event.
- We discussed not have a formal program for the Book Fest at Horn Towner.

Meeting adjourned: 12:48PM.