

Inspiration Club Committee Minutes

February 9, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Rea Heatherington.

Present (in person): Karis Clark, Rea Heatherington, Sheri Zarnowiec, Tom Norton, Ingrid DeGreef and Jaci Gentile

Present (online): Kim Kelleher

Absent: none

Resident Guests: Pam Syverson (INSPO group), Gary Pokorn

Rea and Karis announced a new part-time employee that will be working out of the Inspiration Club Building, Madison.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comments: Gary thanked the committee members for serving. He asked about the community engagement budget. Karis explained that the 2025 budget was \$40K for 12 events and the 2026 budget is \$70K for an expected 50 events.

Pam asked if there was any consideration to combine the Hilltop Club Association and the Inspiration Metro District.

A recap of events since the February meeting were discussed. The Snowman Contest has been placed on hold due to the lack of snow. Should we get a significant snowfall, a contest announcement will go out to the community. Trivia Night had about 25 participants representing both the Hilltop and All Ages areas.

The AV equipment upgrade has been partially installed. There are still a few problems to be worked out with the equipment. Nine Dot has scheduled a ZOOM meeting for Wednesday, February 18th at 10am. The committee has decided to let Nine Dot complete the outdoor artwork. We are planning to hold a photo contest for residents for indoor artwork. There was a question as to whether the Inspiration Club Committee has a charter. This is to be investigated.

The waivers for building use have been reviewed by legal with a few suggestions. The committee approved the suggested changes and suggested that these be added to the current Inspiration Club Use Policy. The committee is going to review the current Inspiration Club Use Policy to determine if now that the building is in use, if there needs to be any updates. The policy was written prior to the building opening. We discussed Fitness Classes. Legal and the committee decided that instructors need to be CPR and First Aid certified.

Kid's Stage had no signups for the spring session. The possibility of offering this at a later time was discussed.

For Private Event use of the Inspiration Club, the current Rental Duration has a 5-hour maximum. The committee voted to increase this to 6 hours.

The Strategy Plan & Donut event February 7th seem to go well. It was well organized and informative. Comedy Night scheduled for Friday, February 13th filled up quickly with 65 residents schedule to attend. The Aurora Fire Department is scheduled to talk about fire safety and home preparedness on February 19th. They are scheduled again on March 19th to discuss lithium batteries.

For the Board meeting on February 10th, Rea will recap the events in January and other discussion points from the Inspiration Club Committee February 9th meeting.

Other Items: The window frosting of exterior and interior windows at the Inspiration Club building has been completed. High School Musical was the movie selected by the community for the Family Movie Night on March 6th. Karis mentioned Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th. The annual community Garage Sale will be June 6th and/or 7th. Goodwill will bring a truck by on Sunday for donations from the community. It was also suggested to see if a shredding

company could also be arranged. Karis is working on a Composting event for May. Karis presented the June, July and August SPARK event plans for this summer.

Karis discussed the results of the Events Survey. The surprise was that youth and family focused events did not rank high on the survey. Some of these events currently on the 2026 calendar, will be reviewed and possibly changed. Items receiving 40 or more votes (out of the 150 surveys received) will be the focus for 2026 IMD events. The survey did convey that residents would like to see more fitness opportunities such as stretch & mobility and cardio. There was also a high interest in educational programming such as home and property maintenance; safety and preparedness; gardening and landscaping; and social activities including arts and crafts. Many of these areas are on the calendar for 2026. A resident's comment on the survey suggested a new activity, a Holiday Sing Along on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This will be given consideration as the committee looks at activities for later in the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jaci Gentile.