

## **WNA MINUTES OF 11/15/11 – MEETING**

Meeting called to order

Present: Kristy Barzen, Michael Keller, Barb Bremner, Maria Sadden-Berry and Vicky Sehgal

- Discussed agenda pattern for meetings and future meetings with idea of keeping meetings to 1 hour;
- Noted that secretary is to send an email reminder to all members of WNA prior to meetings and will get the current list of WNA members from the Treasurer;
- Unanimous approval of minutes from Annual meeting;

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

\$2,789 previous balance last month

13 renewals in October for total of \$375 deposit;

\$452.73 expenses (printing \$185.29 and 267.44 = 452.73)

Balance as of 10/31/11 = \$2,892.18

Color code on Treasurer Report: Yellow - not paid, green - paid twice and red new member.

- Discussed confusion as to who is paid and not paid and next newsletter will be up to date as to paid since we can sort the Excel spreadsheet as to paid and not paid.
- Let Kristy know any new member since she will deliver a welcome package to them which has information on WNA membership etc.
- Next new member cards for renewal will go out in June and perhaps add line to are you new to the neighborhood which would help distinguish new members
- Discussed changing renewal date to January and not July
- Put treasurers address on back of newsletter: Vicki Sehgal  
5125 Welker Ave  
Des Moines IA 50312
- Kristy to get envelope cards printed
- Unanimous approval of Treasurer's report

### **DISCUSSION OF BI - LAWS:**

- Discussed according to the Bi-Laws require quarterly Treasurer's Report and quarterly meetings and Mike Keller will bring Bi-Laws to next meeting;
- Vicki has a Bi-Law summary;
- The City Counsel has to approve Bi-Laws and we should put the Bi-Laws on WNA web site.

### **IDEAS FOR REVENUE FOR WNA:**

- Neighborhood garage sale and Holiday Lights contest. No determination made on either idea.
- Have a donation box at the Art Center Event agreed upon.
- Do surgery to WNA to get input from members re: what benefits to be seen by members of WNA organization and get feedback for changes and new ideas for WNA. Email Barb Bremmer 3-5 questions to be included in newsletter.
- Do we want a mission statement?
- Walnut Creek cleanup w/ bike clubs discussed. Mike Keller to check with Parks Dept. Re: clean up event.
- Consider Earth Day and have a clean up event that day for WNA.

### **IDEAS FOR NEWSLETTER:**

- Merrill Principal to write letter and state need for donations and people could give directly to Merrill Middle School.
- New people in Neighborhood information in newsletter.
- Kristy to do a report on Credit Union for newsletter.
- Mike Keller will talk to Parks Dept and get information on cleanup and Earth Day Events.

### **ART CENTER EVENT:**

- Room charge	\$250.00
- Music	175.00
- Food	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL:	925.00

Note: Jane Hemminger to contact Lisa at Art Center re: food

- No meeting prior to Art Center Event

### **TREASURER TO ISSUE CHECKS:**

Vicki to sent email with new members and Treasurer's Report.

- Vicki to reimburse Kristy for food at Annual Meeting.
- Vicki wrote check to Hanawalt for \$250.00 and gave to Kristy to deliver to Hanawalt.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT:**

- Attendance issue discussed how attendance is low;
- New venue for Neighborhood Night Out considered;
- Reimburse Kristy for freezer for ice cream discussed;
- Determine details of Neighborhood Night out at future meetings.

### **JAZZ IN JULY:**

- Discussed ideas re: co-hosting Jazz in July and getting budget down and not having children activities cost. Then make decisions.
- Cost of posters/ signs discussed / Parking signs cost \$250 last year and can be used every year.

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:**

- Submit articles for Newsletter to Barb Bremmer by 01/05/12.