

Minutes of West Norwalk Association

April 1, 2013

Board members present were: Gay Mac Leod, Regina Krummel, Anthony Carrano, Brian Forschino, Mike Lesko, Ken D'Arinzo, Ron Paladino, Phyllis Weisberg and Frank Forker.

Absent: Galen Wells, Linda Forcellina, Donna Dolle

Meeting started at 7:45 pm.

Minutes: Secretary Donna Dolle was absent, so minutes for March 4 were not approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ken presented the WNA P&L statement with a current balance of \$6,774.75. He stated that all had contributed scholarship funds, except for Candide and Donna. He accepted outstanding checks for the scholarship fund and would report back to the board with the final report. Ken also announced that Martin O'Connor contributed \$100 to the fund. Gay said that the amount of our scholarship needs to be decided at the May board meeting. Gay informed Ken that Val's bill would be coming, and she believed Val raised her fees from her contract, but Gay would confirm.

Scholarship:

Gay asked Regina to provide the list of names she has written to asking for donations to the WNA Scholarship fund. Regina provided three names- Chris Potts, and the Robert and Stuart families who are neighbors. Gay asked Regina to reach out to the President of Norwalk Community College and ask for a donation. Regina, who teaches at the school, agreed to do so.

Gay read aloud the list of names Galen has contacted: J. Boyd, Peggy Girard, Wilder Gleason, Hugu Murphy, Tom Baird, Bob Wagman, Suzanne Brown K, Martin O'Connor, Aikerhead, Kate Tepper, Scott Kimmech.

Gay asked the board to come up with more people to contact. No one responded with a suggestion.

Gay said she would contact Larry Cafero and a few others.

Online donation:

All agreed that we will no longer use the online donation ability because of the high cost. Too few residents use this program to offset the cost to WNA.

Annual Event:

Anthony proposed an Annual meeting to be held during the early part of September. The event would include the traditional Annual meeting and offer a West Norwalk Family Fun day as well. He proposed renting a Bouncy house/cotton candy machine and buying ice cream/hot dogs . He estimated the cost to

be \$720. Chairs/tables would be an additional cost- Rental of chairs \$1.25 each and one table \$9.50. Anthony said that we need all hands on deck for helping out at this event. Gay suggested a fee for the hotdogs/ice cream of \$1.00 with money going toward the scholarship. Everyone at meeting agreed with the fee. We would not charge for use of games. It was stated that we could not control if only West Norwalk residents showed up. Anthony priced out signs, both banner and lawn. Gay pointed out that vinyl signs last one time and we need to find out about canvas or heavy vinyl for multiple uses. Anthony will get back with more information. Anthony stated he has a microphone. The next steps will be to work out more details and finalize a date. The Board agreed to explore the idea further.

New Home owners in West Norwalk:

Mike Lesko provided one new address for West Norwalk for the month of February and March. Ken will find out the name of the new homeowners.

CNNA Meeting: Frank Forker offered to go to next meeting. Regina offered to send information to Frank.

Oak Hills Golf Course: Gay passed out copies of letter from Fred Wilms and stated the letter was posted on our website and that, prior to being posted, all of the directors read the letter and agreed to have it included on the website. All at the meeting, Gay read the letter aloud. Phyllis questioned whether Fred had presented complete and accurate information. Gay and Anthony responded that he was the finance person for the City of Norwalk. Board members agreed that it offered another piece of information. Gay raised the question about the lease (7 years or 10 years), and asked Ken if he knew anything about it. Ken said he would find out. Ken also stated that the final RFP should be done shortly. Gay confirmed that the survey, letters /email blast would follow shortly thereafter.

Spring Cleanup:

Gay reviewed the event procedures and asked who would be available. Most board members stated that they would not be available or they were not sure. Gay added that she had teenage community volunteers who would clean up the land trust areas and the meeting house. Galen did not have the t-shirts printed yet, so Gay said she would hand them out at the event.

New Business: Frank Forker offered get information about a marathon to run through West Norwalk.

Meeting ended by 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting Monday, May 6th

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Mac Leod, Co-President