

West Norwalk Association March 2014

March 3, 2014

Board members present: Gay Mac Leod, Galen Wells, Anthony Carrano, Ken D'Arinzo, Candide Valadares, Ron Paladino, Rebecca Oresman and Brian Forschino. Lucy Arecco was a guest. Linda Forcellina was absent.

Gay Mac Leod called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Lucy Arecco, a guest, expressed interest in joining the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Ken D'Arinzo

Ken reported that the Board's current checking account balance is \$6,152.07. Galen moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Candide seconded. The Report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Oak Hills Update – Anthony Carrano

The current proposal includes the addition of a Nature Center and possibly a fitness / yoga facility. The Nature Center would be located behind the Restaurant. The proposal also includes moving the Pro Shop to the Restaurant building and knocking down the current Pro Shop building. Gay raised the question of why it is okay to build on the field behind the restaurant for a Nature Center, but it was not okay to build a driving range.

Board Ownership of WNA Website – Gay Mac Leod

Rebecca Oresman will take over responsibility for the newsletter, website, e-mail blasts, etc. with assistance from Brian. The Board also intends to create a detailed process document surrounding the maintenance of the newsletter, website, etc. The document is also intended to outline the roles and responsibilities of Board members.

Family Fun Day – Anthony Carrano

The City Council has approved the Board's application for a Family Fun Day scheduled for July 12th at Fox Run School.

The current plan is to have an inflatable slide, an inflatable bouncy house, hot dogs, ice cream, water, popcorn & cotton candy. The plan is to sell tickets for rides, hot dogs, ice cream and water. Popcorn and cotton candy would be provided free of charge.

Gay will reach out to the Norwalk Police, the Norwalk Fire Department and the Norwalk DPW to see if they would be interested in participating in the event. Candide will also solicit other local business to participate.

It is expected that Board members and their families will staff the Family Fun Day.

Estimated cost of the inflatables, popcorn and cotton candy would be approximately \$720. Hot dogs, ice cream, water and general supplies will be an additional cost. Rebecca and Brian agreed to prepare an analysis of cost scenarios.

The Board is also considering purchasing a banner and taking an ad in the Norwalk Hour to advertise the Family Fun Day. Previous analysis indicated that a banner could run as much as \$400 through a vendor in Waterbury.

A membership table will be set up. We Could ask people to put on name tags and identify what street they live on.

Board members have offered to provide garbage cans. We are looking into having music and a PA system.

Rebecca offered to design a poster / flyer for distribution. Rebecca offered to cost out supplies at Costco.

Scholarship Program Update – Gay Mac Leod

Gay and Linda will review the initial applications and will present viable applications to the entire Board.

Taxes – Gay Mac Leod

We received an e-mail from a West Norwalk resident concerning the recent Norwalk property tax revaluation. Galen offered to find a person from the Norwalk Board of Taxation that the resident may reach out to. Linda will respond to the resident once she has the information from Galen.

All Other Matters

After participating in the meeting, Lucy Arecco expressed her desire to join the Board. A vote for acceptance by current Board members will be solicited via e-mail.

Rebecca moved to adjourn the meeting and Candide seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.