

Minutes of the West Norwalk Association
May 7, 2012

Board Members present were: Galen Wells, Donna Dolle, Regina Krummel, Anthony Carrano, Gay MacLeod, Candide Valadares, Martin O'Connell, Ron Paladino. Linda Forcellina, Ken D'Arinzo and Peggy Girard. Ron Brown had an excused absence. Enus Drake and Sarah Kline were guests.

Vice President, Peggy Girard, called the meeting to order at 7:33. She welcomed the Board to the meeting.

Galen Wells presented the minutes of the April meeting. Donna said the treasury had a total of \$6,375.22 not \$6,575.22 and that should be changed. Anthony moved to accept the minutes with the correction and Donna seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted with the correction.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 4th were discussed. Regina said that Joel should not have been at the meeting because it was a meeting for Board members only. Gay said he was there to answer any questions about the history of the Mosque issue. The meeting was also at his house. Ken moved to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting. Candide seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

The next issue was to elect a new President of the Board. Chris Potts resigned and the Board has the power to replace the President. Peggy Girard, the current Vice President, said she would be willing to accept the responsibility of president for the remainder of Chris's term. Candide made a motion to elect Peggy as WNA President. Martin and Regina both seconded the motion. Peggy was unanimously elected as President of the Board.

Gay and Linda expressed interest in being Co-Vice Presidents. Ron Paladino expressed interest in being Vice President. He said he thought that there should only be one vice president so that responsibility is squarely in the hands of one person. Gay and Linda said that co-vice presidents could share responsibilities so that in an era where people are so busy, one can fill in if the other is unable to respond. After some discussion the Board voted 8 out of 11 to allow co-vice presidents. Galen nominated Gay and Linda to serve as Co-Vice Presidents of the Board. Donna Seconded the nomination and they were elected by the Board.

Donna Dolle presented the Treasurer's Report. The total in the Treasury is \$6,575.22, which includes pledges for the scholarship. She is going to move the account to a bank where we will not have to pay a fee. The Board also decided not to open a separate account for the scholarship fund. Anthony Carrano moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report. Ron Paladino seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Enus Drake discussed her opposition to the Mosque. The WNA is conducting a poll to find out how residents of West Norwalk feel about the project. There is a free blurb in the Hour advertizing the poll. The poll is also on our web site. The poll will close Friday at midnight. When it is finished we will write a letter to the editor and put it in the Hour. We will also post the results on our Fasebook page and on our web site.

Gay reported on the clean up. It was smaller than usual with 35 to 40 people participating. Candide was a tremendous help.

Gay also reported on the Scholarship. There were lots of applications and we will announce the winner on May 15th. She was very pleased by the response.

Linda said that the Board should think through the Ambassador program. Do we do baskets as a neighborly gesture or do we do it to increase membership? If it is to increase membership, not many recipients have become members.

Linda proposed that we make another donation to Fox Run School. Ken made a motion that we donate \$300.00. Anthony seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

The Board then discussed the need to expand our email list. Anthony will help gather emails. Ken and Peggy are on the committee.

Sarah Kline talked about the Meetinghouse Society and how much they need money to help renovate the beautiful landmark on West Norwalk Road.

Candide made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Wells, Secretary