

WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2005

Welcome

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 24 people in attendance. Dan Houston, vice president was unable to attend. Steven Shafer, secretary, Kay Everhart, treasurer, and Patricia Olmstead, president, were in attendance.

Treasury Report

The Treasurer report reflected a balance on the first of December of \$196.02. There were 3 checks written and deposits of nearly \$565 came in. We should be at \$400+, but the exact number was not available. This report will be included in the minutes prior to the meeting to save on time during the meeting.

Old Business

- Citizens' Patrol – There was no report for this month. Bob was unable to attend.
- Ruff Store – Piedmont Baptist College has offered to provide space for us to move the home. Judy is getting moving costs to know what we would need to do to have the home moved. She was not at the meeting to give an update.
- Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance – Bobby King reported on the efforts to revive the public access channel for the city. NCSA does not want to be involved due to the age of the outdated equipment that the channel was using.
- Operation Impact – Dennis Wiggins and Sarah Carter attended the last meeting. They discussed cleaning up the city, citations, housing, yards, and grass issues. Sarah was very impressed. Derwick Paige discussed with her the Green Street issues. The organization is now going to be meeting on a quarterly basis. There are still a few more city departments that need to be involved. There is a public service announcement on the organization on Channel 13 to show what can be done. When more than two departments of the city are involved, it is an OI issue.
- We also discussed new regulations about indoor furniture being used outdoors (no longer allowed), and a few homes being advertised as boarding houses or rooms for rent. A future Association meeting will discuss these issues.

New Business

- Pat discussed the newsletter delivery changes. The newsletters will be on her porch the last Thursday before the WSNA Monday (now Tuesday) meeting. A reminder will be sent to folks with email. New delivery volunteers were needed on Shober and Hutton. For Shober Street, Irma Jackson volunteered if we couldn't get anyone else. It was suggested that Jay Justice be asked to deliver these. Pat will call and ask him if he will do this. For Hutton Street, Marion Wiggins volunteered to deliver these. Del Perry volunteered to be an alternative for anyone who unable to deliver their area on any given month.
- Steven and Pat discussed the change of the monthly meetings back to Tuesday evenings. The facility is available on those nights. We wanted to move the day back to allow us to attend the city council meetings that are held on Monday evenings, and we would now be able to invite our councilman to attend without conflict. The change was approved to be effective February 1, 2005.

- Board of Trustees appointments – The by-laws require a board of trustees. They will serve as an advisory board to meet at least quarterly with the officers of the organization. They will serve for three years with two folks dropping off each year. The number of board members will be from five to seven. Several folks were proposed as board members. The final decision will be reached for approval at the next meeting. We want to be sure we include as diverse a group as possible. Here is the current list of folks: Sarah Carter, Bob Litaker (Bob declined), Williard Bass, Del Perry, Martha Senter, Irma Jackson, Chulhi Choi, TJ Frislid, Ellen Hendrix, and Barb and Archie Roten. It was suggested that we contact Ester Mendez at Green Street Church for suggestions of Hispanic citizen participation. Estella Nuños, South Poplar Street, was also suggested to represent the Hispanic community
- Steven led a discussion of meeting topics/guests for 2005 for costs/financing. A number of items were brought up for activities: Celebration of National Historic District, Green Street Dinner in May, re-instatement of Street Clean-up Saturdays, Community Vegetable Garden, Newsletters, and Music in the Park. Rev. Yar mentioned the importance of not creating new organizations, but keeping these activities under the WSNA name. Too many little groups would fracture the unity we are trying to maintain in our organization. Fund-raising for these activities was also discussed. Dan has already had a meeting about the Music in the Park fund raising and plans for the year. For next month a list of activities and costs will be presented to the Association. Fund raising plans for the needs will also be discussed. Currently we receive \$1320 in ad monies from the newsletter. The newsletters cost \$1200 a year. They pay for themselves. Our reapplication for the non-profit status will be \$150, and there may be some other smaller costs associated with this.
- We discussed the need for historical information on changes in the neighborhood (i.e. numbers of rental properties that go to home ownership or vice versa, decrease/increase in crime activity, balance of ethnic groups, etc.). We keep minutes from officers/board meetings and a historical what-we-did is kept. We also discussed using the WSSU center to get demographic information on the changes in the neighborhood, such as increase in diversity, growth in housing, etc.
- Donation Box was passed and there was \$49.62 taken up (\$20 from Del Perry, who passed the box again.)

For next time

The following items were put down for the next meeting.

- National Historic District Celebration
- Green Street Dinner in May
- WOSHI being revitalized, how can the WSNA be involved.
- Neighborhood Clean up
- Follow up on Non-Profit Status
- Follow up with police on issues with the 100 and 200 blocks of Green Street
- Will ask Officer Osborne to come speak

Announcements were given on the following

1. Community Knowledge Center at Green Street Church
2. West Salem Garden Club meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month (incorrectly announced as 2nd Wednesday)
3. Green Street UMC - \$1 dinners – Every Wednesday – Come Dine with your Neighbors

Adjourned 8:15 PM