

# WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday 1 March 2005*

### *Welcome*

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 18 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 February of \$533.37. Deposits of \$251.35 came in. The balance at the end of the month was \$784.72. This report will be included in the minutes prior to the meeting to save on time during the meeting.

### *Old Business*

- Sign up sheets were passed around for the Historic Committee, Music in the Park, the Green Street Supper, and the Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will be the end of the month, so we will receive a report on that during our next meeting.
- Ruff Store – The attempts to get another estimate for moving costs have been unsuccessful. It appears we will be unable to save the store.
- WOSHI (West of Salem Housing Initiative) – Pat reported on the letter writing campaign to increase awareness of the initiatives for our landlords. More information to follow next month.

### *New Business*

- Dennis Peppers spoke on Inspections that are happening in our area. He is replacing Rita Sides, who has retired. They want to help clean up abandoned cars, litter, abandoned homes, etc. His number is 734-1270. He reminded the attendees that the process of cleaning things up takes about 13 days. He reminded us about the Bulk Item pickup on the week of March 7. Thank you Dennis.
- Kay reported on the Constitution/By laws. They are now complete and are being sent to the State of North Carolina. There was a concern about the change of terminology from Board of Directors to Board of Advisors. We are going to send the new terms to the state and see if they will accept the difference.
- Due to Dan Houston's move to Fort Worth, Pat Olmstead has appointed a new Vice President, per the by-laws of the organization. Del Perry has agreed to take on that role.
- The By laws and Constitution were approved and accepted by the members of the organization. They are being sent to the state within the next week. A motion was made to send the amended articles of incorporation to the State.
- Steven discussed the budget and proposed income producing solutions. There was a recommendation to increase the association dues from \$10 to \$25 (optional). It will be determined what the association dues will mean, because no one will be excluded from any activity or meeting due to their inability to pay the association dues. The biggest money making idea appears to be the Auction. We hope to have that by

April-May timeframe. A raffle was also proposed to earn funds. Barry suggested that we approach small businesses and ask them to support 1/2 of Music in the Park (\$250). We would then have signage appropriate to let all the participants know. An update will be provided in our next meeting about the decided income producing items. There were no concerns about the activities for the year or the costs involved.

- Donation Box was passed and there was 25.46 taken up.

*For next time*

The following items were put down for the next meeting.

- National Historic District Celebration
- Neighborhood Clean up
- Follow up on Non-Profit Status

*Announcements were on the agenda for the following*

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

Adjourned 8:05 PM