

West Salem
Neighborhood Association
Tuesday, March 7, 2006
Minutes

At 7:05 Patricia welcomed the group and began introductions. We had 20 folks in attendance, including the president, treasurer, and secretary.

7:05 PM

Treasury Report

Kay reported that we had \$450.11 in the account. We took up a collection of \$21.82 at the meeting. We need to work on Fundraising for our next meeting in preparation for the yearly activities.

7:10 PM

New Business

West Salem Historical Society

Michael Bricker spoke about the desire for a pictorial historic book that they were producing for our neighborhood. It will be similar to one produced by the West End neighborhood recently. He is asking if anyone has any older photographs from the neighborhood to use. Please contact him directly with this information. We also passed around the West End book to see an example of what we would be producing.

James Mitchell – Vegetation management for the City of Winston-Salem

James described the various programs that the city has in regards to vegetation management. He is responsible for the mowing of the common areas of the city, landscape crews for said locations. Also tree clean up, Keep Winston Salem Beautiful, and the Roots Day program.

The Roots day tries to plant 300 trees in right-of-ways and in parks. Volunteers get together and plant from 300-500 trees. The next planting is the 5th Street Gateway on April 1st. The committee is working on their five-year plan and would like to have West Salem included.

Keep Winston Salem Beautiful has a flowerbed program. The city provides annual flowers that we would select and maintain. The city purchases the flowers, prepares the bed. They have a Garden Council cash prize and sign for competition. He mentioned that some beds were available as well as Granville park space. The Garden club will cover the Granville space. The civic club sponsors the park.

Adopt a street is involved with monthly litter pickups. It makes a large difference. The KWSB group provides bags, globes, and signs for the volunteers. City crews will pickup after the clean up is done.

Greater WS cleanup is a one-day litter pickup across the city. They had 1500 volunteers last year. April 22nd is the date for this year.

Urban forestry is involved in planting trees on the right of way. They will evaluate and put up/maintain the trees. Owner would help by watering the tree.

Big Sweep is held this year on October 1st to clean litter out of the creeks of the city. They also keep track of the other stuff that is thrown away for interest.

Bulb blitz gives away flower bulbs to folks. They try to give away about ½ million bulbs a year. Over the past few years they have given away about 300 million bulbs.

Donald Mebane, NC Cooperative Extension Service

He is responsible for Youth/Community development. They use the research-based information from the two land grant universities in the state. They handle 4-H youth development, family and consumer science (homemaker's club), family nutrition, agricultural and natural resource department, community development resources are available, such as soil testing, Winston grows, community gardens, and an urban garden project.

The Garden Council, WS Foundation, and Coop extension service combine to make this happen. We can do raised beds and in ground sites. Vegetables, flowers, mulch, soil preparation, and necessary additives can be provided from the service. They can also provide implements, if needed. There is a lot of information available for education on their website. They also take calls. At the peak they can handle from 100-200 garden calls a day. Gardening books and specialty brochures such as growing herbs are available. Please come by.

He also mentioned the 4-H plant sales that are done as a fundraiser. We are supporting this as a community. Please contact Patricia Olmstead or Del Perry for additional information. The forms are due by March 15th.

Please Note: Upcoming Neighborhood Activities

1. West Salem Garden Club meets March 16th, 6; 30pm, covered dish planning meeting at the home of Carol Faley, 415 South Poplar Street, all are welcome.
2. Green Street UMC, \$1 Dinners – 5:58 PM each Wednesday
3. Soup, Bread, and Broads – February 27 Call Patricia for details

8:00 PM

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