

West Salem
Neighborhood Association
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Minutes

Josh Sutter began the meeting at 7:00pm. 18 people were in attendance, including the president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

7:00 Josh Sutter

Old Business Summary

No old business was discussed.

7:05 Greg Levoniuk

Treasurer Report

Greg reported a special account balance of \$255, and an operating account balance of \$429.85.

Del Perry

Community Garden/Garden Club

Del reported that all community garden plots have been taken. 25 people now have plots, and 6 of these people are new garden volunteers. Del also noted that with the upcoming predicted expenses (water, rabbit-repellent, fencing?), he is expecting a \$134 shortfall for the community garden budget. He is requesting additional funds from the Garden Club.

The Garden Club reported everything was going well and they had nothing new to present.

Rick Henterly

Broadcasts/Newsletter

Rick reported that feedback has been primarily positive regarding neighborhood broadcast emails and the newsletter. It has been pointed out that many people are not able to pick up their newsletters at Rick's Granville Drive location. Josh, Greg and Mike volunteered to deliver any remaining packets one week after the newsletters are put out for delivery to ensure prompt delivery. All delivery routes will be finalized in July before the next newsletter is printed so that all areas of the neighborhood are covered, and all routes have dedicated volunteers.

7:20 Josh Sutter

Neighborhood Watch

Josh reported that 2 letters had been sent to the police: one detailing the positive actions seen in the neighborhood regarding police presence and highlighting areas that still need improvement; and the other describing the series of criminal incidents at the Broad Street property. Many WSNA members commented on the improved police presence in the last few months.

7:25 Josh Sutter

Gateway Status

There are no major updates regarding the Gateway project, but future community collaboration for a positive end-use of the property will most likely require fundraising. We just keep this in mind as we budget.

Josh Sutter

Historical Salvaging

Only 4 people from the WSNA had participated in the salvage work, and outside participation has been minimal as well due to busy schedules. The project will most likely be opened up to larger city-wide organizations that can better manage the undertaking and solicit more volunteers.

7:30 Josh Sutter**Events Committee and Schedule**

The events committee (Joann, Josh, Apryl, Patricia, Josh, and Rebecca) have been working hard to plan the summer events. Below is an outline of planned WSNA activities:

MUSIC IN THE PARK – June 21 from 3-5pm at Granville Park. Water will be supplied by the WSNA

WEST SALEM COMMUNITY FESTIVAL – September 12 from 10am-2pm at Granville Park

- Historic Marker dedication (coordinated by Carol)
- Band(s) – to be announced. If you know of someone willing to play, please let an officer know!
- T-shirt design contest sale (coordinated by Joann)
- Community rubbage sale (coordinated by Greg)
- Bake Sale (coordinated by Patricia)
- Canned Food Drive
- Cash Raffle (50/50)
- Hillbilly Golf (coordinated by John)
- Bounce-House (Josh is checking possibilities)
- Piñata
- Possible booths for sponsorship
- Hot dogs, chips, water and lemonade to be supplied by the WSNA

7:55 Mike Anthony**WSNA Tour of Homes**

The Tour of Homes is scheduled for October 17th. This event was a huge success the last time it was held, both from a fundraising perspective as well as the neighborhood image. Mike will hold a Tour committee meeting soon to begin dividing up the work requirements so that volunteers can be recruited. Tickets for the Tour of Homes will most likely begin sale at the WS Community Festival in September.

8:07 Open Floor**New Business**

Rick suggested we start long-term planning for the money received from the projected fundraisers – Tour of Homes and the multiple fundraising ideas for the Community Festival. The newsletter is almost self-sufficient with advertising, so we project a surplus by Christmas.

A suggestion was made of pooling money with the Garden Club (and possibly others) to fund construction of an amphitheater in Granville Park. This would provide shelter from the weather for live performances – music, plays, nature talks, etc. This will be discussed further.

Magnolia House has been working hard doing renovations to pass inspections. The neighborhood should support this local business and encourage other small family-owned businesses to feel welcome in West Salem.

A comment was made regarding the need for 4-way stops in the neighborhood due to incessant speeding, especially around the time that school lets out. We discussed the WSNA funding speed bumps, and also call the police non-emergency line when speeding is observed to record trends.

8:25**Adjourn**