

WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 1 November 2005

Welcome

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 15 people in attendance. Patricia Olmstead, president, Steven Shafer, secretary, and Kay Everhart, Treasurer, were in attendance.

Treasury Report

We did not have a Treasury report this evening due to other discussion topics

Old Business

- Patricia reporting on the status of 700 Green Street and apartment issues: The owners have complied with city zoning requirements and have rendered the fourth apartment uninhabitable by having the plumbing removed. The building is currently operating legally with three occupied apartments. Current residents seem to be good neighbors at this point. There is a lot of work being done to improve the neighborhood in regards to illegal boarding houses.
- Patricia reported on the OI Complaint for 720 South Broad St. The owner cleaned up once a letter was received from the city. When the inspectors arrived, only a single mother and her daughter appeared to be living there. Nothing more will happen as a result. We are going to keep on reporting issues as they are observed.
- Steven reported on the Trick or Treat Trail. We had 18 participants across the neighborhood. This year's Halloween celebration was very good. There were a number of children out. Everyone felt safe. Next year will be even better.

New Business

- We talked about the crime issues in the neighborhood. Things are being worked on by the police. Always call the police (non-emergency number 773.7700) anytime you feel something is amiss. Better to err on the side of caution. The police do encourage us to call . . . don't be afraid to do so!!
- Barry Lyons reported on problems with cleanup for trash on Beaumont and Green Street. We've agreed to do a few things as a neighborhood to help with this. TRASHBUSTERS is being rolled out to the city. Flyers are going to be delivered to the neighborhood explaining the program. The City is supposed to put up a sign at locations for illegal dumping. We are going to fix this issue, but it will be one section of the neighborhood at a time.
- We discussed the Holiday Gathering for next month. Patrick Donnelly is in charge. Dan Houston will provide the music. Barry Lyons and Michael Anthony are going to handle decorations. A list of volunteers was taken up for Patrick to use.
- We discussed the Winter Solstice Caroling. We will meet at 6 PM at Green Street Church on December 21st. Afterwards we are going to Barry Lyons for Chili and Cocoa.

Announcements

Cards for Neighbors Know of a West Salem neighbor, who is sick, in the hospital, lost a loved one, should be thanked for their good works, or just needs to be remembered? Call Joann Reed, 201.3444, and she'll send a card from WSNA.

Upcoming Neighborhood Activities

1. Soup Bread and Broads. December Soup falls on Christmas Day. Patricia Olmstead planned to do Soup in December, and if anyone is willing to come on Christmas day for details: 725.6771

Adjourned 7:50 PM