

Woodley Park Community Association Meeting
February 1, 2012 7:30 PM
Stanford Center
Washington, DC

Present:

Paul Poe, Vice President

Warren Gorlick, Treasurer

Peter Brusoe, Secretary

Executive Board Members:

John Goodman ,

Barbara Ioanes,

Zev Lewis

Rob Meisnere

Sarah Taber

Jay Sushelsky, Immediate Past President

Guests:

Anne-Marie Bairstow

Bill Kummings

Lee Brain Reba

Armen Tashdianian

Vice President Paul Poe thanked everyone for coming, extended President Bill Menczer's regrets for not being able to attend, and called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Treasurer Warren Gorlick had submitted the following treasurer's report:

Current Balances:

Checking: \$2,896.34

Since last report: No new expenses or service charges. Checks for December expenses paid to Meisnere and Tashdianian cashed in December and reflected in new balance. .

Savings: \$5,223.93

Additions since last report: \$515 contributions and \$15 service fee refund.
Two contributions pending, total \$50.

CD: \$18,024.96

CD matures in February, with automatic renewal. May reduce amount of CD to ensure savings account remains above minimum \$5,000 level to avoid service charges.

PayPal: \$507.56

Reflects about \$10 in fees in two separate transactions to GoDaddy.

Total: \$26,652.79

Jay Sushelsky moved to accept the treasurer's report, Barbara Ioanes Seconded, body approved unanimously.

The Committee then reviewed the minutes of the previous session. Brusoe moved adoption, Sushelsky seconded. Approved unanimously.

Committees:

Neighborhood Watch

Zev Lewis reported on the neighborhood watch. Nour has really taken a lead on this. Sadly, the response of people willing to sign up has not been very high. The Woodley Park Dorm (East on CT avenue) was very big on the idea of the neighborhood watch. The other rental buildings, the building management has not returned phone calls. It was stressed that everyone should be aware of their surroundings.

Acorn Committee:

Warren Gorlick said they had a good meeting. Various possibilities about the Acorn were raised. The costs incurred in the printing and mailing of the Acorn is the single largest expense of our association. Roughly 3 or 4 times the next largest expense which is our summer picnic. Various possibilities were discussed. One possibility was rather than doing two issues, do one issue of the acorn in advance of the fall meeting and simply prepare a post card to announce the upcoming picnic, rather than a full issue of the Acorn. Warren reports that the CPCA does not do a mailing like ours, and, in particular, they do not mail a newsletter, though they do send a postcard to announce upcoming elections. When the CPCA canvassed their membership only 10 (ten) reported wanting one. The CPCA sends its newsletter out electronically by its members. Jay offered that the purpose of the acorn was never strictly to announce a meeting. John Goodman agreed that the acorn was for membership information, and putting out information for potential membership. Goodman asked what issue was being solved. Warren said that one of his concerns is that such a huge portion of the funds was going to the publication. There were some

discussions about the effect of the Acorn on the budget. There was some discussion of advertisements but Goodman noted the many practical difficulties relating that had been encountered previously when advertisements had been placed in the Acorn. Armen offered that there are 16 households that do not have email addresses. With each issue we pick up 1-3 new members, and some members ignore various renewal requests and use the Acorn form to renew. The committee agreed to table until March.

Officer Bob:

Officer Bob came to update the association on crime issues in the neighborhood. Warren Gorlick raised an issue about a homeless individual living in the Calvert and Connecticut bus shelter. There's a concern about the lady's personal health and safety. The other concern is the use of the shelter and amount of litter. Officer Bob said that there needs to be a complaint made and then the police can respond.

Office Bob then updated on Burglaries and Robberies:

There was a call for a burglary 1 on the 2700 building. There was an older woman who thought she was being monitored by her landlord. As the police were in the neighborhood, they were able to immediately respond to a call for a robbery in progress at the Umi Restaurant.

It turned out that it was an argument among business partners and was a simple assault, not a robbery. It's going to be a warrant case.

Bill Kummings asked about car break ins and asked if there was something that can be done to warn the neighborhood about car break ins and improving safety.

Peter Brusoe mentioned that dump trucks were lining up on Woodley Road near the church going back to CT avenue. Officer Bob said he would look into it.

Website hosting:

There was a brief discussion on issues related to the website the website has been moved and the rate renegotiated.

Nominating committee:

The board was sad to hear about Kate Beteram's resignation. Jay nominated Peter Brusoe, Past Secretary, to serve as secretary, seconded by Rob. The board voted unanimously. To fill Brusoe's vacant seat Jay suggested Past WPCA President John Goodman. Peter Brusoe moved the nomination and Barbara Ioanes seconded, and the motion was adopted..

Audit of 2011:

The 2011 audit of the account was complete and all accounts look fine.

DC non-profit corporate law: Jay and John said there would be bylaw changes proposed the week before our meeting in March so everyone has time to read them before the meeting. John and Jay invite comments on the bylaws from members, they haven't been amended in five years there may be things that do not make much sense and we can get people's thoughts and vote on it and for the membership to vote on.

Community Emergency Management Plan: Rob Meisnere said that the DHS person was opening to doing a training at her facility as well as one in the neighborhood.

General Spring Membership Meeting:

The meeting is set for May 2nd 2012. The first speaker would be from the District Department of Transportation.

The second person was the water director. Armen offered that he was a dynamic speaker. Warren offered that it was important because of the increasing cost of water.

Stanford Art Exhibit:

The committee discussed having Stanford hosting a local Woodley Park artist or artists. Jay and Barbara said that Stanford would be open to a proposal, time and duration, and the ball is in our court. The committee felt that a month or so, or whatever time that Stanford had open for late summer. John offered that a lot of people knew of neighborhood artists. Peter offered that Nour and Jasmin do some outstanding photography.

Membership Development:

Zev Lewis offered that we should see what happens with the Acorn. Peter said we should see what the membership looked like. John showed that the membership was strong in single family homes, but that we are weak on the rental/condo buildings.

Cleanup day:

There are some issues with the scheduling of the cleanup day. The problem with the cleanup day is that Anne Marie because of sport requirements offered March 3, or July or August. The discussion was to do it the first weekend in March. Anne Marie was going to reach out to All Souls and Maret.

2629 Connecticut:

John, Bill and Rob met with the owner and architect of the property. They want to redo the front and add some space in the back and hope to find a college or university to rent the whole place minus the retail. They are still at early stages and do not have a school in mind,

if they can't get a school they'll go with offices. The place has not been modernized and are at the early stages of this. She is planning on keeping parking with three spaces.

Other new business:

A discussion occurred about the picnic. We will be doing it on June 16th in our regular location.

Historical walking tour in September or October: Any interest in exploring a historical walk. Judy Waxman spearheaded. Jay will be contacting them to see if they could spearhead it. Late October is always a good date.

Last new item: Zoo Proposal: The Zoo dropped an environmental impact statement about new construction on their site. The secretary was charged with reviewing the paperwork and coming back with a recommendation.

Good of the Organization: Anne Marie Bairstow reported that ANC3C has a new chair Victor Silveria

Lee Brian mentioned on behalf of the WP neighbors abutting Café Sorriso, he was working on a voluntary agreement between the owner and the community. Lee Brian indicated he was preparing to meet with the owner, the owners attorney, and the ABC mediator at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on Monday, 2/13.

Lee Brian announced that CVS was officially applying for a Class B liquor license in order to sell beer and wine and there may be an issue selling beer and wine as it relates to the grocery store legislation which allows these sales.

Lee Brian mentioned he was meeting with Director Kelly from the National Zoo on Tuesday 3/6 to discuss Family Day as well as upcoming summer zoo traffic and trash related issues.

Lee Brian mentioned he was meeting with the owner of 2629 Connecticut Avenue on Saturday, 2/18 to discuss her plans for building dormitory style housing.

Peter moved and Jay seconded a resolution thanking Anne Marie for all of her hard work and leadership of the ANC.

Jay moved to adjourn, it was seconded.

The next meeting is set for March 7th at 7:30PM at Stanford.