

Willamette Neighborhood Association

Willamette Neighborhood Association (WNA)
Pacific West Bank - Willamette Marketplace
Date: March 13, 2013

Call to order: 7:05pm

Attendance: Beth Smolens – WNA Chair; Elizabeth Hall – WNA Secretary; Elizabeth Rocchia - WNA Treasurer, Julia Simpson - WNA Vice President, Christine Lewis, Michael Selvaggio, Jim Milne, Darlene Schwartz

Treasurer's Report

WNA Account at US Bank: Balance \$3,008.22
Yoga 1389.15
LHT 1181.77
WNA 437.30
WNA Account at Pacific West: Balance \$2,050.50

AGENDA

Old Business:

Overview of WNA funds and how worthy causes or neighborhood efforts are funded:

Groups have come to WNA asking for money for various neighborhood related projects. These requests have been voted on in the past. We have become hesitant to donate to groups due to dwindling neighborhood funds. Elizabeth Rocchia spoke with Kirsten Wyatt last year who informed her that some projects can be funded through a city Community Grant fund designated for events in the city. Elizabeth's understanding is that we can endorse money for a given event and send the information to the city who would then write the check. Old Fashioned Fair, Mary S. Young Arts Festival are examples of such groups that can receive community grant fund. The folks that come to us asking for donation could also ask for community grant fund. This should be noted for future reference with the WNA "granting" process.

Review of NA funds access from Treasurer:

There was also discussion about the difficulty in being able to access neighborhood funds through the debit card system. Michael Selvaggio would like to explore the Neighborhood Association treasury infrastructure and see if a more efficient drafting procedure can be implemented to use our allotted funds. He was encouraged by the group to do this. Beth encouraged him to consider running for officer this year. He will consider.

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Discussion of officers:

Beth Smolens is not running for re-election for WNA. She plans to focus on the establishing of a nonprofit group; the West Linn Historical Society. Along with others from the Living History Tour, she hopes to move the group into a nonprofit so that money can be raised for this and other ideas the group has. The group would like to focus on historical celebration and preservation for the entire city of West Linn.

Call for Volunteers: We maintain an open invitation to new volunteers and are very thankful for current attending and participating WNA volunteers. Officer nominations are planned for April with elections in May.

Current recommendations:

Julia Simpson- WNA President
Michael Selvaggio - WNA Vice President
Beth Smolens and Elizabeth Hall- WNA Co-Secretary
Elizabeth Rocchia- WNA Treasurer

New Business:

Beth Smolens Discussed WNA tree purchase for Mclean House Centennial
Non-profit centennial garden: Dogwood tree recommendation

Motion: 100-\$150 to be donated to the Mclean House Centennial plant/tree Ceremony, contingent upon tree selection, location of planting, plaque cost and other feasibility concerns.

10th and Willamette Falls drive planter needs a sponsor- Youth Music Project folks to be contacted

Meeting adjourned: 7:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Hall & Elizabeth Smolens
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