

WHNA Board Meeting minutes – Sunday, May 3rd, 2009

Meeting began at 6:30. In attendance were David Lange, Allen Sydnes, Tim Hauber, Trevor Huffaker, and Cindi Smith.

The meeting started with introductions all around and an agreement to exchange contact information among all board members. David provided a brief history of the WHNA to acclimate the new board members to its purpose and prior activities. He indicated that board meetings typically are held every four to six weeks depending on need, tend to fall on Sunday evenings (but that varies according to people's availability). Meetings are usually held at David's home but any board member is welcome to host at any time, although none should feel compelled to do so.

David reminded everyone that board and general membership meetings have recorded minutes that are placed on the WHNA website (www.windsorheightsna.org). All board members should take a few minutes to read the association's by-laws. These can also be found on the website. We try very hard to follow them.

David recapped membership status which is approximately 35-40 paid memberships, meaning these members have voting rights. Our mailing list is about 125 people, including paid members. We currently have two committees. The Social committee is chaired by David's wife, Colleen. The Membership committee is chaired by Betty Glover. We have \$2,000 total in our bank accounts (one checking and one savings account).

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing ideas for possible activities. David encouraged everyone to brainstorm ideas. He emphasized that one of the WHNA's primary tasks is to have a presence at all city council meetings so that we can stay apprised of city issues and keep our members informed. He indicated that the WHNA must be careful in taking sides on political issues in order to avoid alienating one faction or another of our membership. Thus, we often simply inform our membership of city issues and maintain a neutral position. David read a statement that the previous board had approved him to recite before the city council asking that the council make a good faith effort to increase public notice of council study sessions by using e-mail and public postings 72 hours prior to such meetings rather than the required 24 hours. Cindi suggested that the statement be revised to include posting to the city's website. This was done. (David did read the statement at the May 4th council meeting. After some discussion, councilperson Diana Willits agreed to draft some language for the council to consider at a subsequent council meeting). It was agreed that we would establish a schedule for attending board meetings. Allen volunteered to be the backup if no one else is available. A schedule will be forthcoming.

David recapped the 2008 ice cream social event and reviewed high level plans to repeat in 2009. The date of the socials is set for Sunday evening, August 23rd, beginning at 6:30. The prior board had approved the purchase of 60 reusable yard signs the hosts will

use to publicize the location of the socials. David has these stored at his home.

Substantial planning will need to take place at the next board meeting.

Trevor suggested the board try to find volunteers to assist people who need help moving their unwanted possessions to the street for spring cleanup day, which takes place May 14 and 15. David spoke with Flo Hunter, who agreed to call a contact she knows at Dowling Catholic to see if any students would be willing to volunteer and thereby earn needed community service credits. Unfortunately, David did not receive a reply from Flo's contact.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next board meeting is set for Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at David's home.