

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 15, 2004, Al Arnold Presiding for President Jeff Hoeppe

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Membership:**

**Attendance: 24**

Checking (Tower): \$953.26

Individual: 24

Start Time: 7:01

Money Market (Tower ): \$6231.01

Family: 11

End Time: 8:34

Edward Jones: \$22,261.18

Business: 3

Escrow: \$10,000.00

Total: \$39,445.45

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Old Business		
Neighborhood Plan	<p>Carol Salge noted that copies of the plan were on the tables and would be available next month also. The neighborhood meeting about the plan will be at the WCNA meeting in May. Goals and objectives of the plan will be published in the newsletter and on the City web site. A postcard about the meeting will be sent to every resident. Judy Cole wanted to know why we were not sending the postcard to owners of record. Carol noted that such notice would only be required for changing zoning. The plan is advisory. The notice we are providing for residents is much more notice than the city requires. The city will take written comments from residents. These will be reviewed for incorporation into the plan and then the plan will come back to the WCNA Executive Committee for final approval.</p>	<p>Goals and Objectives to be in newsletter. City will advertise meeting and postcards will be sent to all residents.</p>
Street Lights	<p>Jill reported that bids for the Washington Street lights will be let in May.</p>	<p>\$7,750.00 will be needed in escrow.</p>
Brick Street Workshop	<p>Plans are moving along for the workshop on May 7. The day will start with a Lecture and Q&amp;A session with Royce Baier. Then the group will move to Maiden Lane for some hands-on experience. Cost of the workshop for outsiders is \$40 including a boxed lunch. West Central may have three people attend the workshop to become our subject matter experts. These people will pay \$10.00 if they want the boxed lunch.</p>	<p>Al Arnold and John Simmerman have volunteered to be our SMEs</p>

CCW	<p>John Drier reported that CCW meets the first Thursday of the month at St Joe Hospital. 13 people attended the last meeting. The city group meets Tuesday, March 16. Four members of our group, John Drier, Barbara Coddling, Helen Pyles and Tom Delong are working on By-Laws for Fort Wayne CCW. John noted that he would like to have a tire pick-up the first Saturday in May with proceeds going to funding our CCW. We could also get a dumpster. Last year John and Joanne Bruce got 92 tires.</p> <p>John noted that most of our crimes here are car break-ins and domestic arguments. Everyone can help CCW by remaining alert and reporting suspicious activity. John checked with our NLO Liza Thomas and the City does not loan a radar gun to citizens as Judy Cole had suggested. Any citizen can go on a police ride-along.</p>	John to arrange tire pick-up. Continue good work.
CCW Signs	Al Arnold reported that 3 or 4 CCW signs will be placed in our neighborhood within the next two weeks.	City to place signs at the sites chosen by CCW.
Neighborhood Tour	Jill Downs reported that letters have gone out to solicit ads for this year's Tour Brochure. Add cost will be \$150 for a quarter page, \$250 for a half, and \$500 for a full page.	Work on tour to continue.
Swinney Park Committee	Mary Modezjewski reported that the report of the parks study to the community has been postponed while the Parks Department addresses some concerns raised by the City Council. Plans are moving ahead for a Hat Luncheon to raise money for the parks to be held May 13 at Memorial Park. Mary is trying to put together a table of 10 for that luncheon to represent West Central.	Report on new date for parks study when known. Report cost of luncheon when known.
501(c)(3)	Jack Stark, Cindy Husar and Jill Downs are working on the by-laws and application to become a 501(c)(3). This would enable us to receive grants and donations tax free.	Work to continue
1336 W Washington	Al Arnold, Jack Stark and Jill Downs met with a City Attorney and Planning rep about 1336. W Washington. The owner has been sent a letter requiring a sale of that property by June 1, 2004. If not West Central will apply to become the receiver of the property. The owner says there is a buyer but she must send the deed to the city as proof. If we become the receivers, an appraisal will be needed and then we would need to secure money from a lender to bring the property up to code. Anyone knowing of an interested buyer should contact Jill at 385-WEST.	Jill to continue monitoring.
Announcements	The City of Fort Wayne will participate in the Great American Clean-up on Saturday May 15. There is a sign-up sheet circulating.	Firm plans to be announced in April.
	SWAP meeting is Wed, March 17 at 7:00 at Study Elementary School on Brooklyn Ave. Program will feature Dianne Hoover from the FW Parks Department and Judge Charlie Pratt from juvenile court.	Anyone can attend.

	Newsletter deadline is Wed. March 17. Stuff can be e-mailed to auntsheeshee@yahoo.com	
	John Drier noted that Cindy Joyner of Neighborhood code is planning to name the dirty bakers dozen (13) Fort Wayne Alleys at the end of March. Anyone can nominate their favorite mess.	
	3-Rivers Festival wants us to do trolley tours of the neighborhood on the 14 <sup>th</sup> of July during festival. The was very popular last year and the time has been expanded to 9-4 this year. More volunteers will be needed. There is a script, so volunteers just need some enthusiasm.	
	Jack reported that Reg Converse, president of CCW and the Northside Neighborhood is soliciting donations to send himself to a neighborhood conference in Florida.	
	The Heart Center Medical Group is sponsoring a series of 7 free lectures starting in April and going through October. Jack has information.	
	Jack Stark has some free Solid Waste Information Wheels.	
New Business		
Treasury	<p>Mary Modezjewski reported that there are several problems facing us with the books.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There were only 2 Treasurers' reports in 2003, so cash flow for the year cannot be analyzed.</li> <li>2. Mary has not yet seen an Edward Jones statement and does not have access to that account.</li> <li>3. State and Federal taxes for our employee were paid late so there is a fine due.</li> <li>4. Our Federal reports are due May 15 and cannot be done without all the material.</li> </ol> <p>Solutions proposed:  Jack Stark moved and Mary Radawski seconded the expenditure of up to \$1000 for accounting and auditing help for Mar Modezjewski in order to return our books to sound financial reporting. Passed with one negative vote.  Al Arnold will attempt to get all treasury materials from Jeff Hoepfner.  Yearly audits and a budget will be needed for us to become a 501(c)(3).  Carol Salge suggested the West Central Neighborhood Ministry's part time accountant as a person to solicit for paid help with our books.</p>	Continue to work towards sound accounting and a workable budget. Al to get the paperwork. Carl Salge to supply contact information for the accountant.
Newsletter Advertising	<p>Jill Downs suggested that the West Central Newsletter have the following policy for advertising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Each business member will receive a business card size ad in each newsletter for the time between the payment for their ad and the end of the year.</li> <li>2. Newsletter rates for non-members to be \$25.00 per business card sized ad.</li> </ol> <p>Carl Salge Moved and Judy Cole seconded the adoption of this fee structure. Motion passed.</p>	Jill to collect for ads by non-members. Cheri Stark to ask business members to supply card-sized ads and get them to the newsletter editor.

Newsletter Costs	<p>Mary Modezjewski asked for authority to pay \$615.60 to Copy Solutions to cover the delinquent bill for printing the fall newsletter. Jack Stark moved and Mary Radawski seconded that the Treasurer be authorized to pay this bill. Motion passed.</p> <p>Cheaper alternatives for printing were discussed including an out-of-town printer.</p> <p>Mary Radawski moved and Carol Salge seconded that the treasurer be authorized to spend up to \$1000 to print the spring newsletter.</p>	Jill to check cost alternatives
Door Prize	Joanne Bruce won a CD donated by Judy Cole	
Dog Poop	There was a question of who to call to complain about dog using our yards. Neighborhood Code at 427-1098 can handle these complaints.	
Adjournment	Moved Mike Walsh, seconded by everyone, passed.	