

Minutes of the January meeting of the West End Neighborhood Association
Reiche Community Center, January 11, 2012

Board Members Present: Rosanne Graef, Jodie Lapchick, Judy Witherell, Tom MacMillan, Vicky Dylewski, Maureen Clancy, Penny Stevens, Jennifer Defillipp.

Also Present : Rodents Biacho, Lin Parsons, Liz Parsons, Mike Murray, Mitch Mason, Ed King, Sarah Colton, Officer Dan Townsend, Robin Farrin, Holly Seeliger

Reports and Announcements:

No Secretary's Minutes were given.

Treasurer's Report was given by Maureen Clancy. There were no checks or withdrawals during the month. \$75 in dues was collected and deposited. The balance as of Dec.31, 2011 was \$10, 333.57.

V P Report was given by Jodie Lapchick. She has designed a new logo for WENA. She and Rosanne have the keys to the WENA kiosk. If anyone wants to display a flyer about WENA projects/activities Jodie will design it.

Old Business

The Pediatric CPR class will be held on Jan 30th, 4-7 pm snow date is February 6th. A motion was made and passed to spend \$25 on snacks.

Door hangers with emergency phone numbers are available. Sarah will oversee the corrections to outdated phone numbers and names on the hangers.

Anyone interested in signing up for the Neighborhood Watch should contact Jen DeFillipp. Starting in February the Watch meeting will be the first item on the WENA agenda. Either Officer Townsend or Sarah Colton will attend the meeting.

January 24th is date of the Planning Board Hearing on JBBrown's proposal to construct an office building on Commercial St. No public comment will be taken at this time. The City Council will hold hearings at a date TBA. Public comment will be heard then.

Rosanne and Mitch explained Lemonade Day and handed out flyers. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Rosanne. It will involve planning events and mentoring children.

The next Meeting Place is scheduled for February 1st at 5:30 at Reiche Community Center. The topic will be leadership and followship. The activity will be singing.

New Business

WENA has a new Post Office address, P.O.Box 7898, Portland, ME 04112
The box is located at the Downtown Post Office.

Rosanne suggested we ask the AARP to come to Reiche Community Center and put on a Safe Driving Class for Seniors. Anyone 55 years and older can get a discount on their auto insurance after taking the 4 hour class. Penny moved and Tom seconded that Rosanne ask AARP to do this.

There was a brief discussion about eliminating the traffic light at Brackett and Danforth Streets. The light was necessary when the old Casco Bay Bridge was there. Mike Murray will look into it.

Penny asked about the new wrought iron fence installed recently on a section of the Western Cemetery. Mike Murray said he would look into it. Later this week Mike emailed that the fence was installed by the Friends of the Western Cemetery with money privately donated. They hope to raise enough money to complete the fence.

Rodents asked if the West End News could publish stories written by African immigrants. Ed King said he would consider it.

Vicky read a story that was on the Al Jazeera News Network about the Portland Time Dollar Exchange in Portland,

Robin told us about various planned MLK weekend activities.

Rosanne explained the charts of responsibilities and asked for volunteers for the various committees.

Communications

Website- Dick Stevens

Facebook- Jen Anastasoff

Newsletter, ads and kiosk- Jody Lapchick

Spokesperson to city and media- Rosanne Graef

Correspondence- Penny Stevens

Environment

Trash & graffiti- Deb McCoy, Christine McHale, Rosanne Graef

Crime- Sarah Colton, Judy Witherell

Fundraising

Grants

Membership

Dues- Maureen Clancy

WestFest

Activities

Meeting Place- Jody Lapchick

City of Readers- Rosanne Graef
WestFest
Classes at Reiche Community Center
Lemonade Day- Mitch Mason, Rosanne Graef, Sarah Colton

Respectfully submitted by Penny Stevens