



## July 11th, 2022, 6:30 pm, HYBRID Board meeting minutes

### NEXT MEETING: Monthly meeting, August 8th, 2022

**WNA Board members attending:** Kimberly McCoy, Marilyn Zaleon, Susannah Park, Andrea Buckvold, Gayln Murphy-Stanley, Adam Felleman, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo

**Attendees:** Tony Gigliotti, Serena Hemmers, Andy Leahy, Bonnie Kennedy, Karl Winter, Linda Ervin, Harry Lewis

1. Welcome/Introductions:
2. Minutes:
  - a. June minutes correction of Charles Tremper's name.
  - b. Motion to approve – Susannah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kate. Motion approved by Board. Lynne Odell - abstain
3. Financial Report – none submitted – will vote on via email or at August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Old Business
  - a. Westcott Art Trail report – Andrea Buckvold
    - i. Eight new or renewing members.
    - ii. Two at the \$20 level
    - iii. Some people took flyers to submit later.
    - iv. Funds will be turned over to Natalie via Kate Palermo.
  - b. Community suggestions for WNA from the Art Trail
    - i. Dog walking group
    - ii. Group events with transportation for elderly
      1. Noted that this is what the WCC does, WNA could co-sponsor.
    - iii. House tours
      1. Noted that there were liability issues in the past when these happened. Could re-visit the idea.
  - c. Membership Drive/Event ideas brainstormed:
    - i. Garden tours
    - ii. Walking tours
    - iii. Food foraging/pollinator garden expert led tours
    - iv. OCCRA Speaker for monthly meeting
    - v. Ice Cream social
    - vi. Movies on side of library
    - vii. Block party
    - viii. Food Truck gathering
    - ix. Join Jazz in the City

- x. Email blast to existing Mail Chimp list asking for membership renewals.
- xi. Creating an annual signature event (like Thornden Parks Chili Fest)
  - 1. Need to create a committee to make a proposal.
  - 2. Ideas:
    - a. Dog Costume/ Parade for Halloween –with cider, sponsors, prizes – weekend before Halloween. Suggestion to invite dog rescue places to join. Possible sites – Barry Park, amphitheater, Library, general Westcott Area
    - b. Door Decorating contest for winter – prizes awarded to WNA members. (Pay to participate but includes annual fee?)
    - c. Winter Movie night at Westcott Theater
- d. Housing Issue from June meeting – Darya was directed to TNT and SEUNA and has joined with them concerning the issue.
- e. WNA Welcome Bag
  - i. Currently funding from TNT is stalled, some forms need to be filled out and it needs to be processed by TNT.
  - ii. TNT does have \$500-800 available.
  - iii. Idea to consult with SU and their Student welcome bags.
- f. Dunbar Post Update – renovations still underway. Planning for an open house at some point.

#### 5. New Business

a. Linda Ervin seeking input on the Aquarium Proposal. Direct comments to her. Lynne Odell notified the board that a new class of Syracuse Police Citizens Academy will be enrolling in the fall. (The project aims to build understanding between the community and law enforcement about police practices.) Contact information Community Relations Section via email at [media@syracusepolice.org](mailto:media@syracusepolice.org) or call (315) 442-5210.

#### 6. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting – Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, 6:30