



**Nov. 18, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library  
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit**

**WNA Board members:** JAE Evangelisti, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Samuel Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner, Charles Lester (SPD), Melissa Montgomery,

1. Welcome/introductions:  
Grant called the meeting to order a bit past 6:30 and those present introduced themselves. Several items were raised to be discussed under item reports: snow plowing problems, TNT reports, Neighborhood watch updates.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:  
Several agenda items were identified to be discussed under item reports: snow plowing problems, TNT reports, Neighborhood watch updates.  
  
Kate Palermo moved and Grant Johnson seconded approval of the September minutes; passed unanimously.  
  
Pending corrections to the October board meeting meetings (changing ECOH to Echo; Date Oja to Kate Oja; and dues to due under item 1, Alice Honig moved and Damian Vallelonga seconded their approval; passed unanimously
3. Fiscal report:  
Natalie provided these updates: \$5.00 in checking; \$2,2621.03 in savings (\$.34 interest); \$1,071.71 in planter (\$.14 interest)
4. Neighborhood SPD report: Officer Lester reported 25 burglaries, mainly in the student areas near campus, but including 2 on Columbus. Nineteen were facilitated by unlocked doors while others required minimal "break in." Two vehicles were stolen as well. He reminded attendees to lock doors, have curtains to shield valuables from view, and remove visible items from cars. He anticipates numbers will increase during the holidays when many students are away. He also encouraged contacting 911 or calling him to report suspicious persons or behaviors (315) 748-8288. He also encouraged folks being away to register for a property check as part of routine patrols in the area; call (315)-442-5200.

5. Business: Old  
UNSAAC 2018-2020 project update: Damian reviewed the project to replace and add new trash cans. Brendan Rose is working with BOCES students to solicit design possibilities giving students experience with industrial and community design. Design work to be completed by early in 2020, with fabrication to follow, and installation by June 20. Discussions turned to creating space for returnables to be easily gathered, with JAE mentioning this as possibly encouraging further rummaging through trash cans JAE inquired about additional projects, including bike racks and a second information kiosk and informed the kiosk had not been approved, but some basic bike racks might be included for Westcott St. Sam cautioned against adding "clutter" Damian reassured him that issue would be part of any installation.

6. Business, New  
Committees" Membership/Beautification:  
Grant reported that Natalie has a draft for a Membership Committee and will send it out to solicit volunteers.  
Kate Oja, Melissa, and Lynne have constituted themselves as the Beautification Committee, with their initial project being fall clean-up at Huckster Hill. In the middle of this conversation the lack of a phone list was noted. JAE offered storage on his properties in the area for garden supplies, hoses, mulch, mobile watering equipment (if purchased; would make WNA independent of SU in caring for planters). Damian raised scheduling clean-up, with a spring push being needed.

WNA Holiday mixer: While recognizing this as a good idea, consensus formed that this was not the year. Sam proposed teaming up with another group to share work and increase turn-out

7. Committee/Item reports  
Covered under New business
8. Neighbor input  
Glenda Ranallo reported on the 2 TNT meetings she attended. Requests for project funding are due in January, with decisions the following month.  
Charles Tremper reported a swath of damage caused by the contract sidewalk plow men scraping away some 8 inches of sod along 2/3 of the 1900 block of E. Genesee. City line should be called and issue referred to DPW. Damage also evident on Westcott between E. Genesee and the business district.  
Lynne Odell mentioned the Mini Grants program funded by the Gifford Foundation, providing WNA with another source of funding. Discussions segued toward possible projects: holiday lights, additional planters, etc.
9. Upcoming events:  
UNPA annual meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bishop Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave. New director to be introduced.

Westcott area Neighborhood Watch: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30, at the Westcott Community Center,

Events listed on Web: <https://westcottsyr.com>