



**Dec. 9, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Petit

WNA Board members: JAE Evangelisti, Lynne Odell, Kate Oja, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

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

1. Welcome/introductions:

Damian called the meeting to order a bit past 6:30 and those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Neighborhood Watch report to added following SPD report.

Pending corrections, Lynne Odell moved and Glenda Ranallo seconded approval of the November minutes; passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal report:

Natalie provided these updates: \$5.00 in checking; \$2,2621.25 in savings (\$.222 interest); \$1,073.80 in planter (\$.09 interest)

4. Neighborhood SPD report: Officer Lester reported 7 burglaries (3 forced entry). Car keys were stolen as part of a burglary on Livingston; individual returned to take car, and then return it. Officer Lester reported the disbanding of the Office of Community Policing due to staff shortages and officers' being returned to patrol duty. He encouraged those present to call him to report suspicious persons or behaviors (315) 748-8288 (Note corrected number; November minutes incorrect); 911 should always be called for crimes in progress. He again encouraged folks being away to register for a property check as part of routine patrols in the area; call (315)-442-5200.

5. Neighborhood Watch report (Lynne Odell)

Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Westcott Community Center (no meeting in December). Boundaries not set, nor have smaller groups responsible for a block or 2 been formed. Discussions focused on police shortages, despite a new class graduating soon; a lack of recruits remains a problem, as do negative images and distrust of police. Group will not meet in December due to holidays.

6. Business: Old
UNSAAC 2018-2020 project update: Damian reported that Brendan Rose would submit a formal design proposal in January, likely before the next WNA meeting. JAE asked if benches were included (no) and about bike racks; plans call for reinstallation of those on Harvard and adding a few on Westcott.
7. Business, New
SU “junior board members” : Kate Oja
Soliciting involvement by SU students in WNA was discussed; Kate will verify if students could earn a credit for their efforts. Sam pointed out the need for supervision to insure students have a valuable experience. Their help for clean-up, beautification, and social events would be desirable. Creating connections with SU students would integrate them into the neighborhood and give them a sense of life beyond campus.
8. Committee/Item reports
TNT: Glenda volunteered to attend the Dec. 10th meeting Grant proposals of up to \$5000 may be submitted by Jan. 15. Sam’s offered to draft a proposal for funds to print a “little” guide to the neighborhood. His proposal will be reviewed and discussed at the Jan. 13 meeting
Website: no report
Membership: Natalie, Kate Palermo, and Glenda have constituted themselves as the committee and will meet to plan recruitment activities in advance of the annual meeting. Beautification committee (Kate Oja, Lynne, Melissa Montgomery, JAE) will report out at the January meeting.
9. Neighbor input
The mystery of the missing holiday lights continues: Damian will contact DPW and Kate Oja Parks and Recreation.
Sam reported that his daughter (and former board member) Zoe Meaghan will be returning to Syracuse briefly in 2020.
Charles Tremper reported most of the sod dug up by the first pass at ploughing the E. Genesee sidewalk had been removed and the area smoothed down.
UNPA has a new director and is seeking a new board member.
Preliminary discussions concerning the 2020 annual meeting focused on venue with Munjed’s and Yeti’s mentioned as possibilities. Attendance depends on who speaker(s) will be.
10. Upcoming events:
TNT: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School,

Westcott area Neighborhood Watch: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30, at the Westcott Community Center,

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