



Feb. 10, 2020, 6:30pm, Petit Library Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 15, 2020, 1 p.m. at Yeti's (annual meeting)

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

WNA members and friends: Katie Beeles (ESF), Erin Cocca (ESF), Christa Dock (ESF), Samuel Gruber, Charles Lester (SPD), Melissa Montgomery, Tabitha Wechter (ESF)

1. Welcome/introductions:
Grant called the meeting to order a bit past 6:30 and those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
Pending correction of Jeti's to Yedi's and St. Urban's to St. Urban, Alice Honig moved and Natalie Stetson seconded approval of January minutes; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report:
Natalie provided these updates: \$2005.00 in checking (UNSAAC check to be disbursed); \$121.69 in savings (\$.22 interest); \$1,073.98 in planter (\$.09 interest)
4. Neighborhood SPD report: Officer Lester reported 3 stolen cars (all found, 2 at Springfield Gardens near LeMoyne), 11 burglaries, 6 robberies. Packages are being stolen off porches (6 in one day) and Officer Lester urged people to have packages picked up by neighbors. Attendees were encouraged to call Officer Lester to report problems. (315) 748-8288 and encouraged folks being away to register for a property check as part of routine patrols in the area; call (315)-442-5200. He will be on vacation Feb. 13-21, but will be answering phone at times.
5. Business: Old
UNSAAC 2018-2020 project update: Damian reported 13 trash cans in final stages of design, with review of designs to be completed before being brought to the Board for a decision. Installation will likely be done in early summer. Damian will coordinate with DPW for removal of the old and installation of the new.

Annual meeting: Yeti's was the choice, with money needing to be approved for mailing and food. Natalie reminded board members that many were in arrears with dues (a number did pay up). Lynne Odell moved and Natalie Stetson seconded that \$100 be allotted for food. Damian recommended Michael Collins, the recently appointed Commissioner of Neighborhood and Business Development. This led to wide-ranging

discussions as to choice and speaker(s) and the purpose of the annual meeting. Politicians such as Rachel May and Pamela Hunter were proposed; with Sam emphasizing the meeting's being a platform for WNA to highlight accomplishments.

6. Business, New

Four ESF students presented initial proposal for a conservation plan for the Wescott neighborhood, focusing on environmental justice which will include educational efforts, signage, and other outreach. They hope to involve local artists and residents. Brainstorming ideas included both the natural world, plants and environment and social issues (redlining, lead paint). Freedom trail signage and Morningside Cultural trail were mentioned as example. Specific ideas included a dog park and restoration of Thornden Park's herb garden. Attendees may contact Erin Cocca: egcocca@syr.edu with additional thoughts and concerns.

7. Committee/Item reports

TNT: Discussion of Sam Gruber's proposal for a "little" guide to the neighborhood has been deferred until the March meeting. No one sad they were attending the February meeting.

Website: no report

Membership: Natalie reported committee would meet and discuss renewal protocols, business memberships (businesses will be contacted and invited to the annual meeting, and how to increase membership which stands at roughly 30 people.

Beautification committee: will meet soon to discuss upcoming spring projects.

Neighborhood Watch: Lynne reported 2 students present to hear Officer Lester talk about protecting property, etc.

8. Neighbor input

Lynne announced the availability of Narcon use training to assist with drug overdoses.

Those interested may contact: Mariah Senecal-Reilly from Onondaga County Public Health, (315) 435-3280, or, mariahsenecal-reilly@ongov.net

Damian reported the crossing signals at Euclid and Westcott were no functioning properly (no longer need to press button to get signal).

Sam announced Arts and Crafts Society activities including winter party at 1900 East Genesee Street.

9. Upcoming events:

TNT: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School,

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