



April 8, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit

WNA board members: Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Kate Oja, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Chris Honess (Vineyard Church), Samuel Gruber, Stephen Lynch (SPD), Jane Kalkbrenner, Stefanie Noble

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the February 11 and March 10 (annual) meeting minutes: Pending a quorum of board members (may be done via email). The following corrections were noted: Under Old business of Feb. 11 minutes, correct Yedi to Yeti; correct election report in annual meeting, adding Lynne Odell to officers re-elected and correct Ojy to Oja. Charles will send out corrected versions.
3. Fiscal report: Via email, Natalie Stetson reported: \$157.32 in checking; \$1,072.76 (\$.14 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,469.99 (\$.30 interest) in savings.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Captain Stephen Lynch introduced himself and distributed a map showing the 3 police districts in Syracuse (Westcott area is part of southeast). He is from the area and hopes to connect with local Watch and neighborhood groups. Chris Bresett is still part of community policing, but has patrol duties as well. He works 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and may be contacted via cell phone at (315) 901-1288; call 911 for emergencies. Captain Lynch report several area burglaries involving student apartments, locked and unlocked, as well as car larcenies. Numbers were down; but there was no news concerning apprehending suspects.
5. Business: Old
 - Annual meeting summary:
Grant reported \$240 received during the meeting, representing 10 new members and 8 renewals (a record); once expenses for food and mailings taken into account, WNA netted \$121.70.

- UNSAAC 2018-2019 Update:
Damian summarized the improvements being planned: replacement and new trash cans and bike racks. Locations are still being considered. Brendan Rose will fabricate them, once design work and planning is finished. This round of grants ends in June 2020.

6. Business: New

- Chris Honess, representing Vineyard Church:
Vineyard has assumed ownership of the former Baptist Church at 718 S. Beech. It is a younger congregation with sister parishes at other locations and Chris expressed the hope that the parish would become part of the neighborhood, opening building spaces to the community, as well as conducting worship. He expressed interest in reaching out to the E. Fayette area. In response to questions from Alice, Chris affirmed the parish is welcoming to all, including LGBTQ, while emphasizing its Biblical foundations.
- Election of officers:
Deferred due to lack of a quorum; currently all officers have stayed too long in their positions; situation will be resolved when a quorum is present.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT:
Kate Oja will provide an update.
- Committee and other updates:
 - Damian has begun drafting a letter explaining the contributions of WNA to the neighborhood and soliciting business memberships.
 - Updates are posted to Website; Sam will prepare a new article on the Stickley House.
 - Sam, Susan Rainey, and Charles met to finalize the text for Jane Begley's memorial brick:
 - Jane Begley
 - Great neighbor
 - Animal lover
 - Librarian
 - Dedicated to
 - Social justice

8. Neighbor input: None

9. Upcoming events:

- TNT meeting, Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7 p.m., Nottingham School.

- The Arts & Crafts Movement : influence in the greater Westcott Neighborhood, lecture by Sam Gruber, Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. at Westcott Community Center (\$10 suggested)
- Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 20, 10-11 a.m., Thornden Park.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsy.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>