



Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2025

Board Members in Attendance: Sam Gruber – Co-President, Galyn Murphy-Stanley – Co-President, Carol Johnson – Vice-President, Kevin Montgomery – Treasurer, Chrissy Burd, Adam Felleman, Heila Martin-Person, Kimberley McCoy, Marilyn Zaleon

August Minutes

The August Minutes are approved. Adam motioned to approve the minutes. Chrissy seconded the motion- All approved

Financial Report

WNA has \$326 in the bank account. We are waiting on reimbursements from TNT. We just spent \$654 on the new t-shirts. There was a question about why we have not received the \$1000 grant from CNY Arts that should have been given to us by WACC.

WNA spent \$425 on the liability insurance but the policy was cancelled by the insurance company. We need to resolve this. Either by getting our funds back or having the funds go towards a new policy. We would like to resolve this before the Dog Parade. With such a small balance in our account we need to increase membership dues and other organizational revenue.

T-shirt Fundraiser at WSCF

Thank you to Chrissy for ordering 100 t-shirts to sell at the WSCF. After a group discussion it was decided that the shirts will be for sale for \$20 each. That will not include an annual membership. Shirts can be purchased with cash or check or through PayPal. If we don't update our PayPal payment options payments may look like new memberships when we do the accounting. Kevin will sort it out. We discussed the need to look into new payment options like Venmo or creating new PayPal payment options.

Communications/Outreach

We have 364 emails on our e-list. Heila is sending out an email twice a month. She welcomes other board members and community members to email her with suggestions about events or announcements that should go out in the emails. She asks that you use "Chimp" in the subject line and send images as jpg files.

Neighborhood Watch

Meeting happening Sept 18th at Petit. Police are no longer attending the meeting due to city budget cuts.

WSCF Tabling

We have invited the Salt Springs Neighborhood Association and SEUNA to share our table. We should make sure we also have someone from WNA the whole time. We discussed the handouts, Sam will get news brochures printed if needed. Sam invites everyone to march in the parade holding the WNA banner and a sign-up sheet for tabling shifts was circulated.

Neighborhood Beautification

- A Saturday Morning clean up will take place on Sept 27th.
- Charlie Sam is doing additional upgrades to the updated Harvard Ave Kiosk- the clear coat will be painted on it that will allow for the easy removal of graffiti.
- Chrissy is working on a planting master plan for the area near the Michael Moody mural. With a goal of implementing the plan in Spring 2026. A proposal will be brought to a future WNA meeting.
- SU has agreed to maintain the Westcott planters that were originally installed by WNA. Sam is going to do a count to see if there are still 10 planters.
- Street Tree Lighting- There was a discussion that the tree lighting, although attractive, is too sparse and not lighting up the whole street. Galyn agreed to follow up with city employee and lighting organizer Suzie McPherson. There was a suggestion that WNA should host a "kick-off" event to bring attention to the new lights.

News from Elected Officials

Councilor Corey Williams reported that there was a sparsely attended public hearing about the proposal by the city and the police department to expand a drone program that would send drones as first responders to the scene after 911 calls. The people who attended the hearing all spoke against the proposal. They are concerned that the drones increase police surveillance and are an invasion of privacy. Williams is not in favor of the proposal.

WNA expressed concern that the city is not taking any action on the issue of the Westminster steps. There has been no public hearing and it has not been on any agendas. Sam mentioned that Councilor Rasheeda Caldwell has not responded to WNA queries about the steps and our invitation.

There is concern about new traffic cameras near Syracuse University that are operated by a private company called Flock that has been accused of sharing data with ICE. Williams said that a different company has a contract with the city for the other new school-zone cameras that just went into effect. There was a suggestion that traffic safety could be a discussion topic for an upcoming meeting.

Announcements

- The No Kings Rally 2.0 will take place on Oct 18. Location TBA
- The WSCF is looking for volunteers with trucks for help with set-up/clean-up and more volunteers are needed for the info table.
- Sharon Sherman is looking for more help with organizing the WSCF for future years as she would like to step back as one of the lead organizers.
- TNT Eastside is looking for new monthly topics and speakers
- Westcott Round Table is looking for a new coordinator.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.