



September 17, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: D.J. Hellerman, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Tony Gigliotti, Holly Grant, Lenny Grant, Michael Greene, Jane Kalkbrenner, Brittany Lykes, Chris Moore, Susannah Park, Susan Rainey.

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the August 13 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved and Damian Vallelonga seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$466.18 in checking; \$1,072.05 in planter fund; and \$2,321.20 in savings. Except for a \$25 check for printing, there are no outstanding invoices or anticipated income.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Bresett reported a significant increase in burglaries and car larcenies. Burglaries have been both forced entry (sometimes with owners at home) and through unlocked doors or window. 3 young men were apprehended whose pattern was to enter SU dorms, set off fire alarms, and rob empty rooms. There have been robberies as well, some involving weapons. Charles and Glenda asked about monitoring of suspected drug activities in the 400-block of Columbus. Officer Bresett said he would find out if any investigation is ongoing Brittany asked about the use of technology—tracking cameras and the like—in the area. Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:
 - Bench at Harvard/South Beech has been installed and overgrown plants cut back.
 - Outdoor galleries will be installed in October.

- Taste of Westcott:
Glenda gave a positive report highlighting engagement on the part of students.

6. Business: New

- Euclid crosswalks:
Damian proposed WNA draft a letter to the new DPW head requested crossing signals be installed and offered to draft the letter. Those present agreed and suggestions were made to partner with other groups (SEUNA, the Community Center. Damian will begin drafting the letter.
- Westcott Street Cultural Fair: Sept. 23, noon-6:30 p.m.
Parade: Lynne offered to carry banner; volunteers came forth for some of the shifts; Damian will bring the cookbooks; Lynne asked about a survey, with questions to ascertain interest in neighborhood watch and the solicitation of areas of interest from respondents.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: met September 11; no report.
- Committee updates: none

8. Neighbor input: Glenda has volunteered to solicit contributions from the businesses to WNA and asked about contact information which will be provided.

9. Upcoming events:

- Westcott Street cultural fair: September 23, noon to 6:30.
- Stickley house open house: September 23, 1-3 p.m.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>