

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
APRIL 20, 2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

I. Call to Order

a. Reading/Approval of Previous Minutes – The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. Present at the meeting were Joseph Hernandez, Dean Rose, Tom Reeves, Robert Curlin, Sue May, Greg Gormley, Terry Thomas Lisa Tully, Paula Graves and Cindy Kirk. Dwayne Privott was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Lisa to approve the minutes and was seconded by Paula Graves. Motion carried.

II. Reports/Discussion

Treasurer – Tom Reeves reported there was no income for the month, and expenses had all been paid. The current balance of the WNNA account is \$6533.10. Compared to past treasurer reports, our income is up substantially. Tom advised that any expenses above \$50.00 need to have prior approval before incurring the expenses by at least two officers (standard procedure would be to obtain approval by Joseph and Dean). Anything under \$50.00 still needs to be approved by two officers. This rule does not apply to standard reoccurring expenses such as the water bill. Motion was made by Robert Curlin to approve the Treasurer's minutes from March 23, 2004 and was seconded by Terry Thomas. Motion carried.

Publications – Greg Gormley reported on the WNNA newsletter. Greg paid for the publication with his credit card and will need reimbursement. Tom advised that when Northern Trust previously paid for the newsletter we had an account with the printing company. Greg thanked everyone for getting their articles in on time and asked everyone to keep an eye out for interesting articles and fillers for the upcoming newsletter. Lisa Tully advised that we had over 50 extra newsletters. Joseph requested extra copies and Sue May will take the remainder of the copies for new neighbors. Joseph suggested additional filler materials such as crime snippets, or quotes, or information relevant to the neighborhood such as recipes, etc. Tom requested information on the costs for advertisements. Discussion ensued regarding the pricing for advertisements. Discussion regarding advertisements was tabled until Paula's report.

OOCCL – Robert Curlin reported on OOCCL. The name of OOCCL will be changed to Oak Cliff Conservation League for advertising purposes. There has been no formal motion to change the name, however it was changed on the website. Supplemental grant packages are being distributed. If Wynnewood would like to apply for a grant, we can download the grant application from the OOCCL website. The deadline for grant submissions is May 29th. The grant needs to demonstrate how the funds will be used and how the improvements will be maintained. There is only 2 years to use the funds, if not used by then, we will lose the money. The Board discussed improvement projects that would be applicable under the grant guidelines, including discussion of using grant funds to assist in dredging the lake. Currently,

six households on the lake have committed \$6,000 to dredge half the lake. Discussion continued regarding whether dredging the lake is beneficial to the entire neighborhood. Ideas for beautification using potential grant money need to be submitted to Dwayne Privott. Robert will bring up the Tour of Homes and potential volunteers at the Quarterly Meeting.

Crime Watch – Terry Thomas reported on the neighbor who was attacked on North Manus while walking. His billfold was stolen. He called the police on his cell phone and the attacker tried to wrestle his phone away from him. There have only been 3 offenses in the past 10 weeks. There have been extra patrols in the neighborhood, however they are difficult to wave down. Paula Graves inquired as to the status of the parking stickers for neighborhood cars discussed in previous Board meetings in 2003.

Block Captains – Lisa Tully reported that Jennifer Touchet is the new block captain for Monssen and Monssen Parkway West. Janice Williams is still passing out for the entire block of Bizerte. Lisa requested that the Board consider hosting a Block Captain appreciation party. Paula advised that Lisa Realini had paid for the appreciation party out of her own pocket last year. The Board approved using funds for the Block Captain function.

Advertising – Paula Graves reported that she and Greg had been working on the accounting for the advertising due. Castro Tree Trimming has renewed for the year. Paula will be calling all of the current advertisers to see if they will be renewing their ads. Paula is advising all renewals to send their check to the P.O. Box addressed to her attention. Paula will then mark them off the advertising list and will give the checks to Tom. Paula has also been solicited for new ads from a neighbor on Bizerte. Dean and Sue still owe money for advertisements. Chan Tai will also renew their ad. Sara Tillman is also willing to purchase an ad. Motion was made by Paula Graves to raise ½ page advertisement rates from \$75 to \$95 per issue. Lisa Tully seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Tom felt that the yearly advertisements were too inexpensive for yearly rates.

Activities – Sue May reported that April 30, and May 1 are the dates the advertisements will run in the Dallas Morning News for the garage sale. Robert Curlin volunteered to check the DMN to make sure the ads were correct. Terry advised we have garage sale signs. Greg Gormley will put the garage sale signs out at the entrances to the neighborhood on the morning of the garage sale. Joseph volunteered to collect the \$10.00 per participating households. Joseph also volunteered to help Tom with the Spring Fling. Joseph will also help with last minute issues such as ice, ice chests, etc. Lisa Tully also volunteered to help with the Spring Fling. Sue will advise Joseph and Lisa as to what we need to purchase at Sam's. Lisa will help Sue inventory supplies for neighborhood events.

Wynnewood Wander – Board assignments for Hosting Homes

Dean and Lisa will help at Maurice and Ronnie's home - starting at 7:00 p.m.

Joseph and Paula will help at Robert and Andrew's home - starting at 7:50 p.m.

Cindy and Terry will help at Eddie and John's home starting - at 8:40 p.m.

Sue May and Tom will help at Mike's home - starting at 9:30 p.m.

Sue will send Tom an e-mail regarding the announcements that need to be made regarding the Wynnewood Wander. We also need to increase our efforts regarding charity issues. We need to bring canned food or clothes and donate to charities to help improve our efforts in obtaining non-profit status.

III. New Business

General Meeting On Thursday, April 22, 2004 – Joseph

Conservation Efforts – Joseph reported that the guest speaker will be Katherine Seale. The main focus of Catherine's presentation will be to discuss the Conservation District survey. We are going to push for a Conservation District, but everyone's input will be required. This is the beginning of the effort, and it will be a long road. We will start by concentrating on the survey.

Non-Profit status – Dean Rose reported he has Federal Expressed additional documentation requested by the IRS regarding 501(3)(c) status. The IRS received the document a week ago Monday.

WNNA Dues collection/implementation – Dean Rose reported on a potential plan to request voluntary dues from neighbors. Several neighborhoods send out notices requesting voluntary donations to help with neighborhood costs. Kessler Park includes requests for donation as a "clip-off" in their newsletter. Various amounts are included for donations. Paula advised that she has several examples of good verbiage to consider in preparing a draft of the donation request. Dean will obtain the verbiage examples from Tom and Paula and will present it at the next Board meeting. Tom suggested that the notice be in a card format with a return self-addressed stamped envelope.

May Yard of the Month – Joseph presented the homes for consideration. Sue May made a motion to approve 510 Monssen as the Yard of the Month and the motion carried.

IV. Open Discussion

Terry advised that John Tackleberry had approached him about a Christmas in July party, after a brief discussion, the Board concluded that the Board had already committed to several social events and wasn't willing to sponsor any additional outings. Any suggestions for the home tour home need to be submitted to Robert, Joseph or Tom. Terry also inquired about the monitoring of foot traffic on Vernon

for the installation of sidewalks. Joseph doesn't believe this is being pursued aggressively. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2004

V. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.