



**WNNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 19, 2005  
528 Hoel, Dallas TX 75224**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Scherer, crime watch director  
Christine Connelly, secretary  
Joseph Hernandez, publications director  
Tom Reeves, treasurer  
Cindy Kirk, special projects director  
John Ridgley, special events  
Lisa Tully, communications director

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:15 p.m.**

**I. NEW ITEMS**

**A. Quarterly Meeting – Joseph Hernandez**

Joseph confirmed that a representative from the Texas Department of Transportation would attend the quarterly general meeting to discuss the widening of I-35. Joseph stressed the importance of speaking up about our concerns, especially sound barriers, which are not included in the current plan.

Joseph advised that the Top O' the Cliff Club received an extension on their lease. We will continue to hold our quarterly meetings there until the end of the year.

**II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A. Secretary's Report – Christine Connelly**

Approval of minutes: Mary moved to approve the minutes from the June board meeting. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T-shirts: Christine reported that the cost to print a dark colored t-shirt, such as navy or hunter green, would increase the cost by 50 cents per shirt. She reported that the board voted via e-mail on June 12 to forgo the cost and print on heather gray as before. John Ridgley asked the board to

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discuss the matter again since the t-shirts had not been finished. He stated, and others agreed, that there is no incentive for neighbors to buy an additional t-shirt if we print the same gray shirts. He suggested that if we printed navy or green, some neighbors might be inclined to purchase a second shirt. Mary Scherer made a motion for the board to vote on ordering blue or gray t-shirts. John seconded the motion. The board voted to order blue shirts by a vote of five to two.

**B. Treasurer's Report – Tom Reeves**

Approval of June Report: Tom submitted his report, which states a balance of \$7,494.53 as of June 30. He noted that deposits of \$500 have been made, but are not included in the report, bringing the current actual total closer to \$8,000. Tom noted that our largest expenses are related to beautification, which are averaging about \$300 per month, but several neighbors are making donations to sponsor these costs directly. Joseph also presented a check for \$250 from Sue May for her newsletter ads. Lisa Tully made a motion to approve the report. Cindy Kirk seconded the motion. The motion carried.

D&O Insurance: Tom reported that his research indicates that liability would cost WNNA about \$22 per household. Liability insurance would also require a membership list, which we don't have. We could instead supply a "core list" of participating neighbors, creating from attendance and general meetings. Further discussion was tabled until the August board meeting to give the subcommittee more time to meet.

OOCCL: Tom was unable to attend OOCCL's last meeting. He has heard that they now have a volunteer to organize the annual fall tour of homes. He reported that the OOCCL looked at his house and Mike Wicker's for possible inclusion on the tour, but Tom is unable to do the tour.

**C. Publications – Joseph Hernandez**

Newsletters: Joseph distributed all newsletters to the block captains because Lisa Tully was out of town. All block captains distributed their newsletters, except Jennifer Touchet who also was out of town. Jennifer left message for Lisa stating that she would leave them in her mailbox, but Unfortunately, the newsletters were missing by the time this was discovered.



Street closure: As a result of further meetings, the Fire Department confirmed that they approved closing the entrance on Lewellyn. Joseph will continue to pursue this action and determine next steps.

**D. Special Events – John Ridgley**

Wine & Cheese mixers: John advised that the September date may need to be changed since Joseph and Jeremy have tentative travel plans. The issue tabled until all hosts can meet to coordinate plans. John will confirm plans with the board by e-mail. The hosts also will confirm invitation concerns. Joseph suggested the hosts invite the neighbors on their street, which would be about 20 per household. This would encourage people getting to know each other on their neighbors. It would also allow flexibility with dates – Cindy and Mary could host their street's wine party on a different day than Joseph and Jeremy. John will solicit additional hosts at the general meeting in hopes that we get a host for every street.

Fall Wynnewood Wander: John reported that we are still in need of a couple more hosts. He will discuss this at the General Meeting and confirm hosts by the August board meeting.

**E. Communications – Lisa Tully**

Directory updates: Three block captains have submitted their neighbors' updates. She will contact block captains this week, and if possible, she will verify information as people are checking in at the General Meeting.

Block Captain Party: Everyone had a great time. She is proud to announce that the cost for food came in under budget!

Welcome baskets: Welcome baskets have been distributed to all designated neighbors. The cost is about \$10 each.

**F. Crime Watch – Mary Scherer**

Crime Updates: Statistics for June reported in the June newsletter. Despite a couple of high profile incidents, we haven't seen the property crimes as in years past. Most recent incident was a carjacking on the 400 block Monssen. Also a neighbor in the 300 block of North Manus called stating he/she observed champagne Jeep Cherokee with suspicious



behavior. There have been two attempted arsons and two attempted break-ins at 606 Mayrant.

Mary reported that crime statistics for Oak Cliff neighborhoods will be listed on [www.swdallascrimewatch.org](http://www.swdallascrimewatch.org) as reported by neighborhood crime watch captains. Another good website is [www.crimeweb.net](http://www.crimeweb.net).

**G. Special Projects – Cindy Kirk**

Collection of historic items: Cindy reported she is making progress. She is meeting on Friday with R.V. Miles, who has several photos and other items including a newsletter from 1986. She is gathering stories from neighbors as well as actual items.

Procedural guidelines: Lacking input from individual board members, Cindy has written much of it herself and will send it out to the board for review

**H. Beautification – Joseph Hernandez**

Simon dropped the price, but it has to be done weekly. The costs are being offset by donations.

Yard of the Month: The board selected Wendy Lopez and Connie Mooror of 507 Monssen as Yard of the Month

**III. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**A. Volunteer Opportunity:** Christine spoke to a representative from Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. They need volunteers to cook and serve lunch or dinner on several dates, including Sunday, Aug. 28, or Sunday, Sept. 4. The RMH representative suggested doing a brunch on Sundays since that is the only day the residents get to sleep in. Christine will solicit volunteers at the general meeting and confirm one of the dates with the RMH representative.

**B. Membership dues:** John asked if WNNA had ever considered mandatory dues. Joseph said it had been discussed, but not done. “backburner”

**C. Fundraiser:** Cindy asked if anyone would be interested in selling items, such as chocolate, the way schools and other organizations do. Many

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board members said they would and agreed it is an idea to pursue. Lisa said she would give Cindy the name of the contact person her school uses.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:29 P.M.**

The next meeting will be Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at Lisa Tully's house at 664 N. Manus Dr.