



WNNA GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005
TOP O' THE CLIFF CLUB**

- I. Call to Order/Welcome – Dean Rose**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.
 - b. Dean advised that the board will give “state of the neighborhood reports,” and he encouraged input from all in attendance.

- II. Reading / Approval of Previous Minutes – Dean Rose**
 - a. Minutes from the January general meeting have been posted on the web, and a hard copy is also available. Motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Ambrosio Villarreal. Donna Libby seconded. Motion passed.

- III. State of the Neighborhood Reports**
 - a. President – Dean Rose – Dean reviewed his responsibilities, including serving as WNNA’s primary liaison to the City of Dallas. He also updates the website. He has added a communication forum to the website, which is a discussion board for neighbors; a means of exchanging information among neighbors. Dean also added a PayPal link so that payments can be submitted via the web. A photo album also has been added. A suggestion was made to include phone numbers of block captains in case you can’t locate your directory.
 - b. Secretary – Christine Connelly – no report
 - c. Vice President – Greg Gormley – His responsibilities include serving as liaison to other community organizations, such as the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. He also is responsible for WNNA’s fundraising efforts and community service activities. Greg reported that OOCCL is lacking officers, including PR director and an executive vice president, who is responsible for the annual home tour. Speaking of the home tour, Greg solicited suggestions for homes from WNNA. The OOCCL’s Garden Tour will be noon to 5 p.m. on May 22-23. Movies on the Lawn at the Turner House are free and open to public. First one on April 22 is “The Apartment.” Greg asked for volunteers to help and provide ideas regarding fundraising efforts.



He also asked for ideas and suggestions for charity organizations or community service organizations that WNNA could sponsor or support. He explained that is a necessary part of WNNA's nonprofit status. The status is subject to review every seven years. WNNA residents must make an effort outside our own neighborhood or association. Individual efforts can also be reported as WNNA efforts. The assistance can be financial donations or physical labor. Dean opened the floor to suggestions. Suggestions included: (1) volunteering for Visiting Nurses Association, which needs drivers to make deliveries; (2) volunteering to help the City of Dallas animal shelter exercise the animals; (3) volunteering at the KERA pledge drive; and (3) volunteering at the Special Olympics games in Dallas on May 6-7 at Bishop Lynch High School.

- d. Special Projects – Cindy Kirk – Cindy's responsibilities cover the "other duties as assigned," i.e., the jobs that don't fit nicely into one a particular job description. She recently organized a brunch for Supporting Senior Neighbors of Wynnewood (SSNOW). She also is creating a historical review of Wynnewood North. She's looking for photos, biographies and other information. She is now creating a photo "scrapbook" of events this year. The photos are posted on the website, including the SSNOW brunch, the neighborhood cleanup and, soon, tonight's meeting. She can scan existing photos. She also is creating an handbook for the Board of Directors that includes WNNA's mission, goals and guidelines for future officers. She is coordinating this project with with Jeremy and Dean.
- e. Beautification – Jeremy Ratliff – Jeremy noted that much of the cleanup work is done by the same people every year. To encourage participation, he organized a cook-out after the recent neighborhood cleanup. His efforts this year will focus on the triangles as well as around the new park sign on the corner of Llewellyn and South Manus. Jeremy asked for suggestions for new projects. He is organizing a committee to meet in the next 10 days to develop ideas and plans for low maintenance ways to keep the triangles looking good, starting with the Woolsey island. Jeremy reported it costs roughly \$240 per month to maintain the two islands. Yard of the Month for March has been awarded to Rodney Wilson at 750 S. Manus. Yard of the Month for April is Don & David at 423 N. Manus. Jeremy opened the floor to suggestions. A neighbor asked about timing for putting out bulk trash. (Her yard work was done on Wednesday, and bulk trash is not supposed to be put out until Thursday.) She is concerned about getting a ticket or fine. Jeremy advised that setting out bulk trash only one day in advance probably won't result in a



- ticket, but doing so is at the neighbor's own risk. Christine reminded neighbors that the City won't pick up trash/brush left in common areas. Jeremy advised that the City has put up new signs regarding dumping trash and the City will begin fining WNNA (not the residents) if trash is left on greenbelt.
- f. Treasurer – Tom Reeves – Reported \$695 income YTD and expenses \$1,294.51, leaving balance of \$6,506.65. Tom advised that neighbors can request a receipt for donations for tax purposes. Jeremy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Janice Coffee, and the motion carried. Tom advised that neighbors may "adopt" a triangle – specify donation to be dedicated to maintenance of triangle—for a cost of about \$60 per week. Donations can be dedicated to any particular category, such as SSNOW. WNNA doesn't operate on a "budgeted" process. Tom also is attempting to organize family oriented activities.
- g. Block Captain Liaison – Lisa Tully – Lisa was unable to attend but Dean reported on her behalf. She distributes newsletter and other notices to Block Captains for distribution. She is attempting to create welcome basket to new residents that Block Captains will distribute. Block Captains also are responsible for collecting information for directory, including new resident names, phone and e-mail addresses. Dean opened the floor to suggestions
- h. PR/Publications – Joseph Hernandez – Joseph publishes the newsletter and the new e-mail "snippets." This e-mail lists events and other items of interest in WNNA and Oak Cliff community. The e-mail will be sent only once a month, although the association may send urgent announcements as needed. WNNA will not abuse privilege of having neighbors' e-mail addresses. April's newsletter included personal profiles of the Board and neighbors in the news. To include something in the newsletter or the snippets e-mail, neighbors should contact Joseph. Joseph also maintains the calendar on the website. New items have been added, including events in Oak Cliff and the surrounding community. Terry Thomas asked that the newsletter include more photos. Dwayne Privott asked the Board to examine a cost effective way of printing and distributing the monthly calendar to encourage participation and as a reminder. Mary Scherer reminded neighbors that signs are posted in the neighborhood with a notice that a special event is being held, and they can call the hotline for more information. A suggestion was made to create an automated phone tree.



- i. Social Director – John Ridgley – The neighborhood garage sale was held, with about a dozen homes participating. The Spring Wynnewood Wander will be held on May 14, and tickets cost \$25 per person. Four neighbors have agreed to host the event:
- Paul Nielson and Kinley Cobb at 742 Bizerte;
 - Jay and Jane Sullivan at 623 S. Manus
 - John Blizzard and Eddie Hall at 445 Monssen
 - Tom Reeves and Timothy Rupp at 528 Hoel Tom & Tim Rupp

Dean reminded neighbors that the Wander is WNNA's primary fundraiser – their opportunity to get involved and meet others. No date has been set for a Wander in the Fall, although there are volunteers to host. John reported that he wants to develop new event ideas, such as smaller wine and cheese parties. WNNA T-shirts are available for \$10 each. Tom suggested hosting smaller groups at more, then all groups gather at one house for dessert. Dean took a poll regarding the types of events—is WNNA providing enough variety or are the events getting stagnant. Are there any that need to be eliminated? Dean and the Board are concerned that same people attend and they would like to reach out and bring in new people to attend. Responses included: (1) some neighbors may not be able; (2) some may have regular activities at the same time as general meetings. Terry advised the SSNOW was created as an effort to create interaction with these neighbors. Cindy advised that the Board is aware that some neighbors cannot maintain their own yards or homes, and WNNA may direct clean-up efforts to help them. Lance Ivy advised that it may be a matter of personal outreach – it hasn't always been a priority. Dwayne Privott advised that a welcome basket doesn't have to be a big basket; just a newsletter and a face-to-face welcome. Jeremy asked every person to bring a neighbor that doesn't regularly attend. Cindy suggested a neighborhood card night, something that a lot of people can participate in.

- j. Crime Watch – Mary Scherer – Crime statistics were reported in the recent newsletter. She added that there was an attempted break in today at 1:30 p.m at in the 300 block of North Manus. The neighbor reported that the perpetrators were four African American males driving a black Lexus with gold rims. Mary reminded neighbors that most crimes are occurring during working hours. She also explained that WNNA is experiencing a small percentage of the crime that occurs in the encompassing district. She reminded neighbors to be proactive. She reporter that a new website has



been created to focus solely on crime watch, including calendars and statistics. www.southwestdallascrimewatch.org. Mary advised that she has engraver to be used to engrave identifying information onto possessions. HEAT registration will be held 10 a.m. to noon on May 14 across from triangle on Monssen. A neighbor asked about Citizens on Patrol, which was discussed at the January meeting. Mary explained that WNNA is open to the idea, but it takes more volunteers than WNNA realistically has. Terry Thomas advised Chuck & Helen Schneider were approached by same people as in incident addressed above. Mary reminded neighbors that Wynnewood Village sees a lot of crime, including an armed robbery at Subway. Mary advised that the people breaking into homes are looking for empty homes. Joey Connelly mentioned that you can buy bars that go under doorknobs to keep doors from being pushed in. Jeremy reminded neighbors that a year ago crime was heavy enough to warrant a special meeting, and he reminded neighbors not to get complacent. Andy Shell asked about increased patrols since last year's meeting. Mary advised the increased patrols are happening mostly during the day. She urged neighbors to attend or stop by the H.E.A.T. registration to at least meet the police officers. She suggested making a note of unusual cars or something when you see it—you may not need it now, but in six months when you hear something's happened you might have the clue (license plate, description) that solves the crime.

IV. Open Discussion

- a. Dean recognized board for efforts
- b. Dean asked new attendees or neighbors to be introduced (none)

V. Adjourn – Dean Rose

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.