

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016**

I. Call Meeting to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Brian Davis.

II. Guest Speakers from Habitat for Humanity – ReStore Program, with guest speakers Sarah Brown & Amy Glover. Fallyn introduced our speakers and explained the ReStore Program. Amy is the director of Habitat for Humanity and Sarah is the coordinator for the ReStore Program.

Amy spoke about Habitat for Humanity. People think that Jimmy Carter started Habitat, but while he is a big proponent, he didn't start it! People think Habitat gives their homes away for free, but that is not true. Families have to qualify based on income and have to be capable of paying a mortgage which is very affordable with a very low interest rate. The homes after they are built are cheaper than an apartment. Owners have to put in sweat equity on their home, go through financial training and help build other homes. They have a very high success rate. If a home is foreclosed on, they have a Second Chance Program that offers the home to others. They also have a Brush with Kindness Program. They currently have a waiting list. The main requirement is the income and the ability to pay back. If they have blown their credit, it won't keep them from getting a home. Volunteer opportunities are available! After age 18, they can help build a home, including using power tools. Before that age 14-16 can help with landscaping and age 17 can help build but not use power tools. Construction is available Wednesday through Saturday. No tools are required. It's a great organization and we would love to see you!

Sarah – ReStore is non-profit and are locally owned and operated by the local Habitat. 100% of the proceeds go back to Habitat. The main job of volunteers is to assist the staff members and to help create a friendly atmosphere including normal retail such as retail sales, display, stocking. This is a very flexible volunteer opportunity with a two-hour minimum. You can come any day of the week as they are open 7 days a week. They have recently launched a core volunteer program. Volunteers commit 4 hours a month for at least 3 months. They will receive one on one training by staff members and a really cool blue t-shirt and a 10% discount after three months. Location is at Hampton and Singleton. The items that are donated are usually sold and the revenue is used to fund other homes. There are three other stores in Dallas other than the one on Hampton. They also have a program for high school students as it helps them gain retail experience and non-profit experience. Must be at least 14 to help in the store. We have a new donations manager who has been great in getting wonderful donations. When items are sent over to the store there are very few items that aren't recycled, for those items that need work, there is another group they donate those items to. If you have a lot of items to donate, they have a truck that will pick up. The best drop off store is the West Dallas store.

III. Approval of October General Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Cynthia Michaels and Janice Coffee. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Officer Reports.

- a. Treasurer – Denise –. It's a new year, so don't forget about corporate matching. We are now part of Amazon Smile. If you use Amazon, you can now go to the link and donate to the neighborhood association. We are also still linked with Tom Thumb and Kroger. Amazon Smile will pay out 0.5% of the purchase you make back to Wynnewood North. Once you designate Wynnewood you don't have to change your selection yearly. Denise will also be setting up Target.

We have ended December with 14,288.29.00 for YTD we have income of \$12,236.32. The YTD total funds on hand are 14,288.29. A motion was made by Janice Coffee and seconded by Susan Oakley to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Vice President – Fallyn – The grant applications are due soon. Fallyn will be sending out a survey for ideas for the grant. The first meeting at OOCCL was an introduction of the new Board. The new president this year is Judy Pollack. There are 32 representatives from Oak Cliff at the OOCCL meetings. Meetings are the first Mondays at La Ca Doce's backroom. OOCCL will be looking for volunteers for a Saturday event.
- c. Beautification – Cynthia Michaels – Street light was replaced at Woolsey and Shelmire and pot holes fixed at Mayrant. Sewer replacement, and the gutter was also repaired. Working at getting the metal box removed at Monssen and Vernon. Time Warner owns the box. The box appears to be abandoned. Solar lights have been installed at the Wynnewood signs and Cynthia set them in concrete. We would like for people to participate in the Pickup Ten Pieces of Trash program that the City sponsors. Whatever we can keep from going in the creek or on our streets. Cynthia also has a little trash grabber that will save your back. We will put the reminder on our website and also Wynnewood Neighbors. She will check it out to you for use, you will need to sign for it in blood. The culverts are almost ½ blocked with trash. She has called it into the city twice. Yard of the Month program will continue as normal. Winners will receive \$25 from Callaway's.
- d. Communications - Janice Coffee – We have new neighbors Jack and Charles at 724 Woolsey! Directories have all been distributed. We will also have one new neighbor on Hoel who will be moving in shortly. Janice also thanked all the Block Captains who have passed out all of the directories and newsletters and flyers throughout the past year.
- e. Crime Watch – Jeff Sappenfield –. There has not been much crime which is great news! VIP Raffle to promote and thank those that are donating their time to the VIP Program. There will be a new VIP class coming up in February. VIP's are the ones who help keep this neighborhood safe and that is largely due in part to our very active VIP program. The drawings will be for \$50 gift certificates to Trinity Groves. If you are out of town or having construction done, let Jeff know so that your home can be flagged for extra VIP patrols. Winners for the Quarter: Greg Gormley, Beth Gormley, and Mary Ann Jenkins.
- f. Publications – Newsletters should have been delivered. If you have any articles you would like published in the newsletter, have an article to Beth prior to March and it will be

included. Additional copies of the Directories are available through Janice. If you want a second copy you need to pay at \$1.00.

- g. Social – Ric Shanahan – Gave an overview of upcoming events. We have lots of things planned for this year. Our first event will be a Feb. 20th, Mardi Gras type happy hour, the March 26th Spring Fling and the we will have our Spring Fling. We will also have a kids/adult movie night, a Back to School happy hour in August and Sept. 17th will be the Fall Wander and the OOCCL Tour of homes is also in October. April 16th will be an Art and Wine Wander.
- h. President – Brian encouraged everyone to attend North Oak Cliff Happy Hour – normally held in Kessler or East Kessler. They are very well attended, you don't have to RSVP, but take your own bottle of whatever you want to drink. The information will be put on the website and it is at one house and will be tomorrow night.
- i. Webmaster – Dean encouraged everyone to also participate in Wynnewood Nextdoor. It is a private community. When you post, be careful to post just Wynnewood. You can join other neighboring hoods as well, such as Elmwood, etc. We will also have a bigger presence on Facebook this year as well. If you have pictures of neighborhood events you want to share, we have the capability to post that as well.
- j. Secretary – SSNOW Brunch update. The senior brunch will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- k. Parent Liaison – No report

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.