

**WYNNEWOOD NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015**

- I. Call Meeting to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Lynn Sulander.
- II. Approval of October General Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made by Janice Coffee and seconded by Silver Potete. The motion carried unanimously
- III. Guest Speaker** – Officer Martinez. Reports weren't updated with the reporting area that includes Wynnewood North. He will get that information and shoot Jeff Sappenfield an email with any updates. Crime offenses for the quarter. Overall, these were very low. Vehicle stolen as the car was left running in the driveway. 2nd offense was the plumber. Suggested we use NextDoor website for referrals. Third offense was 707 Mayrant drive, someone hopped the fence and stole the lawn blower. Officer Martinez will follow-up on the panhandling at Zang and Yarmouth. If fearful of individual approaching, call in as suspicious person to 911.
- IV. Guest Speaker Jenny Wegley** – Director of Horticultural at the Arboretum. Awarded one of the top 40 horticulturists under the age of 30. Jenny started off with some yard tips:

When you turn your irrigation system on, turn it on the test cycle and see if they are working properly and have the right coverage. How long are you running each zone? If you are running your zones for 30 minutes, you are wasting water. After the first 6 minutes, the remaining 24 inches is a waste. Put a cup in your yard to see how long it takes to get an inch of water. When you select a fertilizer, make sure it is balanced. We lack more nitrogen in our soil. Quick growth isn't necessarily good growth. Organic nitrogen 6-9. Weed control – Jenny is anti-weed and feed and they can affect your trees in a negative way. Stay away from your tree root system. You can do a pre-emergent that would help prevent the weed seeds from coming out the next year.

Plant selection: spring crops are about to expire, they only last about 4 weeks. Petunia, geraniums, etc. die at around 95. Vinca, Zinnias are good to plant now for summer color and then mulch them. If you want healthy plants, you need healthy mulch such as hardwood or cedar mulch. Aeration allows your soil to breath. Suggest doing it in the fall. In our neighborhood you get a buildup of thatch. Remove the thatch so that you get the new growth. If you are putting in new beds 4-6 inches of compost, 4-6 inches of expanded shells which allows the water to penetrate. 60% of your budget should be soil preparation and 40% will be plants.

Open up to Q&A: fertilize early spring and late fall. Tree trimming, how you eradicate bamboo; fish emulsion and liquid seaweed.

Jenny shared some additional facts about the Arboretum. 66 acres and 7 acres of the children's garden. Mark and Jenny do all the design at the Arboretum. April 24-26th Artscape.

- V. OOCCL Grant Proposal Review of projects and vote for approval. Lynn Sulander explained the OOCCLL grant program and how they work. We will be reimbursed for 60% of the expenditure and we will have to spend 40%. There was a grant committee that submitted ideas for the grants.

Brian Davis passed out the voting ballots for discussion. Brian explained how the projects will break down. Brian – discussed doing a new sign. If we think the neighborhood needs a third sign, this is the year to do it. Discussion re: signage as the largest expenditure.

Mary Scherer voiced concern that this would be a large expenditure that wouldn't be self-sustaining. Brian advised there would be a quarterly review of the budget to see if we have the money before starting any new projects. Membership asked several questions as to where the sign would be located, what the design would be, if we have permission for the proposed site. Brian explained that currently there is no definite location but we have talked to the property owners of the tentative location and they are receptive to placing the sign on their property. However, the location and details are far from finalized as the process just started.

Shelly – Discussed Kidd Springs and that the pool is in danger of being closed. This is the Oak Cliff neighborhood pool. They have a swim team that competes across the city. The cost to join the swim team is only \$50. We want to save this pool in Oak Cliff as it is historic, offers numerous community programs, and it is in danger of losing city funding. The proposed grant would pay for swimming lessons for approximately 10 neighborhood children.

Cindy/Janice discussed proposal for funding of SSNOW

Bo discussed grant proposal for web hosting. Neighbors brought up issue of print or electronic. By a show of hand, the membership opted to bump the web hosting to a more robust level and to include in the grant proposal.

Phil discussed beautification grant proposal. We would receive ten trees. To have them planted, and the holes dug would be about \$200 a tree. There is a light that points up on each tree in the triangles. Neither light works and it's not the bulb. The grant would be used to repair the lighting and for planting of the trees. We would be responsible for watering them for two years and will adopt the trees out as we did previously.

Ballots passed out. Votes were collected and Cindy Kirk and Lynn Sulander counted the ballots. Results were sent out in an email blast.

VI. Officer Reports.

- a. Beautification - Phil Perry – Cynthia Michaels won April YOM. We are changing the method of voting for YOM. The nominations will remain the same, but the Beautification committee will actually vote for the winner. This Saturday is our clean-up. Sonic has cut us a good deal on Breakfast burritos. Bring your equipment and help with the clean-up. We are focusing on the greenbelt and weeding the two triangles.
- b. Communications - Janice Coffee. Mark and his wife and son, who work at the Arboretum. Also two neighbors have moved in on Bizerte. In addition, someone has bought Mary Ingram's old home and they are in the process of renovating.

c. Crime Watch – Jeff Sappenfield –we have VIP training coming up. Jeff will make the announcement on Nextdoor and in a neighborhood e-mail blast. Winners in the VIP drawing were Donna Libby, Lynn Sulander and Larry Libby.

d. Publications - Newsletters have gone out.

e. Social – Fallyn - - Wander is May 16th – we have three homes. 315 Monssen – Michael and Lane Roth, 612 Woolsey Drive and 430 Monssen, Harriet's home (mid-century) tickets are \$40.00 each. Following week will be the neighborhood garage sale.

f. Treasurer – YTD income \$879.70 income, no income for March. Normal expenses, triangle maintenance, landscaping. There was \$570.99 in total expenses. We also received \$553.00 in a matching donation from a resident's company.

Neighbor questioned if the Wander could be turned in as a contribution.

Amazon Smile is another website that donates. If you are interested, register on Amazon smile and list Wynnewood North.

Dean Rose made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Jan Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

g. President - Lynn discussed the certificate of appreciation for our postman who was instrumental in helping get the criminals caught who had been robbing homes.

h. Webmaster – Bo advised everyone to let him know if they are not receiving the e-blast.

Announcements: Jane Sullivan advised that the Strut Your Mutt event is May 16th – 3K walk or 5Mile run on the Continental Bridge. Goal is to get 20 people and raise \$1,000. Wynnewood Waggers is the name of the team.

Roberto Alonzo Jr. – Coordinating for the Dallas Cinco De Mayo. Also he is an election Judge.

Janice – April 25th having Centennial Celebration for the old school (Adamson).. small parade, donuts and coffee and have located the oldest graduate who is 101. He graduated in 1930. Rosemary Rummley will be the guest speaker and knows where all of the bodies are buried. They will also be honoring two graduates and one teacher. 13 days to Glory which became the John Wayne movie, The Alamo.

John Tackleberry – announced that he had found a good rat/vermin exterminator. DFW Wild will tell you how to humanely get rid of the animals.

Lynn announced that Cindy and Lynn would tally up the ballots and announce the results.

This Saturday from 9-3 Kidd Springs will be hosting a recycling event.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m.