



**Wynnewood North Neighborhood Association**

**General Meeting**

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Board Members in Attendance: Denise Requardt, Jeff Sappenfield, Cynthia Michaels, Kristen Hensley, Janice Coffee Lynn Sulander, Ric Shanahan and Becca Leonard, Gary Ellis and Pat Parrish. Not presented.

**Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Denise Requardt.

**Guest Speakers** – DPD Officer Daniel A, and Dr. Koontz, President Methodist Hospital

Dr. Koontz – gave a brief history of his career with Methodist, starting as a surgeon. He stated that one of his primary goals is to do a better job reaching out to the community and see what Methodist can do more effectively to meet the community's needs. He provided the following on Methodist:

- Methodist, which celebrated 90 years last year, was the dominant provider in South Dallas.
- There are plans to build a new fitness center which will eventually replace the smaller, more outdated existing fitness center. However, no estimate timeframe for completion was provided.
- Methodist is a Level I trauma center with 24-hour certified stroke care and its ability to offer emergency treatment to anyone who may be suffering from health issues such as a stroke.
- The first signs of stroke are abnormalizes in balance, eyes, face, arm or speech; then it is time to make a phone call.
- Dr. Koontz briefly provided health education overview on heart disease and stress explicitly stressing how these health issues can affect circulation throughout the body.

He closed his presentation emphasizing the importance of diet and its impact on heart disease. Dr. Koontz left cards for anyone interested in contacting him. Denise is considering posting his contact information and goals on Next Door for those that want to follow up with him.

Officer Daniel A talked about how to keep the neighborhood safe and asked that we call 911 when we see suspicious behavior.

DPD officer Daniel A. reported that:

- There has been an increase in forgeries/counterfeit money and cautioned everyone to pay attention to all the bills they receive because not only \$100 bills that can be counterfeit.
- He warned the group about being aware of surroundings always and reported that recently DPD has been watching for a black male wearing all black clothing, approximately 5'11" in height. He stated that this individual has been going to numerous establishments across the Metroplex robbing businesses by placing a sack on the counter and telling people to put all money in the bag.
  - acknowledged that DPD response times were below their standards due primarily to the number of officers leaving the department sharing with the DPS's standards for responses.: For example, a "shots fired" call requires 2 officers to respond and a mental health concern requires 4 officers and a sergeant.
- Most calls from this area are from the Zang at Illinois area, and they are working on adding more patrols there. The group discussed the issue of panhandlers - especially the repeat offenders near QT (Twelfth at Zang). Officer Daniel A. encouraged people to call 911 to report and to give as detailed of a description as possible. He reminded everyone not to expect an immediate response to their 911 calls of panhandlers.
- Officer Daniel shared with the membership that the new chief has stated that panhandlers and as such are protected by the 1st Amendment.

The WNNA expressed concerns about the random gunfire occurring mostly at night in the neighborhood. The association expressed doubts as to whether it was worthwhile to contact 911 because the random gunfire was happening so frequently and it's hard to pinpoint a location. Officer Daniel A. encouraged everyone to continue to report any crime because of enough callers, DPD can triangulate and guess the location. Officer Daniel A. spoke briefly about 311.

**Approval of January General Meeting minutes.** A motion was made by Janice Coffee and seconded by Becca Leonard to approve the General Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Officer Reports –**

Treasurer – Denise walked through the treasurer's report and informed the association that Gary was the treasurer however he was unable to attend the meeting.

Revenue-during the month of April 2018, Wynnewood North received grant proceeds in the amount of \$300.00 from Aetna and \$1,080.00 for Spring Wander tickets for Total Revenue collected of \$1,380.00

Operating Expenditures total (\$19.92) credit due to a refund received from the City of Dallas Water Department. Before the credit of (\$652.25), operating expenses for the month totaled \$632.33 which were due to normal operations for utilities, quarterly newsletter, grounds maintenance, bank fees and donation to Kidd Springs swimming lessons.

The month ended with Net Income totaling \$1,399.92 and Cash on hand of \$16,244.12.

Susan Oakley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Silver Poteet seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Communications Report** – Janice Coffee reported that there were 2 new homes waiting for the owners to move into the neighborhood. She mentioned that one house belonged to Nolan Estes, who is 89 and has an educational center on 35 named after him. She asked that people notify her if they know of new residents moving into the neighborhood.

**Vice President** – Ric reported activities associated with Heritage Oak Cliff and the Oak Cliff Homes Tour. He indicated that he and Janice Coffee attend the Heritage Oak Cliff meetings have been touring homes each week to select the house to be included in the Tour. The Oak Cliff home tour will be October 19th and 20th. It is a huge money generator - last year raising over \$40K. That money stays in and helps our community. Ric mentioned that they are still looking for "cool homes" for the tour and hope to have 3 from Wynnewood North. By having 3 homes in 1 neighborhood, they can add more homes to the tour, hopefully generating more interest. Ric also mentioned that they would need plenty of volunteers for the home tour - especially if we get 3 homes in Wynnewood North. Ric also mentioned that this year they are doing something called "Heritage Heroes" so that people who can't attend the event can still pay \$100 to get their name in the guide as a hero/virtual attendee.

**Social** - Kristen reported that the spring garage sale would be the 19th. Due to Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day, there were few weekends available. Plus, that weekend was just before bulk trash so that items not sold could be discarded. Although this is the same day as the Wander, we hope everyone will participate. She then mentioned Grub on the Green, the June 15th happy hour event that would mirror the Spring Fling for adults. It will take place at the Monssen/Mayrant x Manus greenbelt where the Spring Fling was held. We will have tables and chairs and a food truck. It will be BYOB. Lastly, Kristen mentioned the Spring Fling and encouraged everyone to buy tickets ASAP since we are capped at 75 this year. She said the 3 houses hosting the Wander and talked about what it takes to host the event. She made a request for anyone who wanted to help sponsor or who had any connections willing to donate to contact her as soon as possible.

**Parent Liaison** - Becca Leonard. , Becca reported that she was contacted by the PTA President from the local elementary school to discuss WNNA involvement in teacher appreciation week. Becca will follow up as needed.

**Beautification** – Cynthia Michaels – It's Park Day otherwise known as Clean Up Day, weathering permitting the group would be cleaning the Woolsey x Monssen triangle from 10-12 if it didn't rain.

**Webmaster** –. NO REPORT

**Publications** – Lynn Sulander – reported that SSNOW brunch was scheduled for June 23 for those 65 and older. The committee working on this will provide more detailed invitation soon.

**Crime Watch** – Jeff Sappenfield reported that the only recent crime was theft of a rocking chair and a purse. Jeff encouraged the membership to call 911 and report any suspicious behavior. He discussed the difference between 911 and 311; 911 is designated for emergencies, and 311 has been designed for non-emergencies such as graffiti, damaged signs, dead animals, etc. Jeff informed he group that we have 4 new VIPs and brief the membership on the status of the VIP. Jeff also did the drawings for the VIP patrols for January, February & March with winners getting a \$50 Trinity Groves gift card. The

winners were Jan Nunn (January), Janice Coffee (February) and OD Vega (March). There will be a VIP class on Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Tailgate thief has been caught, and DPD is looking for video or any eye witnesses to go forward with an indictment. The winners of the raffle were January – Donna Libby, February – Cynthia Michaels, and March - Suley Castillo.

**President's Report** —.Denise thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their continued support.

**New Business** – None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm