

BPWNA Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2007

Call To Order – Welcome from President Eric Winters. 28 people present.

Review of Minutes – Jerry Pierce moved to approve minutes, Carrie Sleep seconded.

Alderman and NSO Check-In's – Barb Potts has been meeting with many owners of nuisance properties within BPW and neighboring areas. Most of them are cooperative and many are unaware that their property is a nuisance. Please keep calling on nuisance properties.

Main Presentation – Brother Donald from Franciscan Connection

Brother Donald gave a short history of the Friar run organization at 2903 Cherokee. He then described the programs of the Franciscan Connection such as Utility Assistance and Stone by Stone home repairs for seniors and others in need. They are a place for individuals to go to and they are able to pull resources together to help or to refer individuals to the correct agency for their needs. Their hours are Monday-Thursday 9a-3p and Friday 9a-12p. They are always looking for volunteers. Brother Donald handed out brochures and newsletters and offered to speak to any possible volunteers after the meeting

By-Laws – The revised by-laws were presented to the members for review for vote at October NA meeting. Members were urged to see Eric or Chad with any questions/concerns they may have.

Nominations –Eric explained the nominations process and the two new “members at large” positions to the members. He proceeded to take nominations for the BPWNA Board as follows: President – Jerry Pierce nominated Bill Byrd, Bill accepted.

V. President – Bill Byrd nominated Carrie Sleep, Carrie accepted.

Secretary –Carrie Sleep nominated Anne Childers for a 2nd term, Anne accepted.

Treasurer – Carrie Sleep nominated Rhonda Shaw, Rhonda accepted.

Members @ Large – Anne Childers nominated Linda Hennigh, Linda accepted, later declined.

Jerry Pierce nominated himself

Jean Durel nominated Melba Arnold, Melba accepted.

Barb Potts nominated Sherry Young, Sherry accepted.

Bill Byrd nominated Shelly Veres, Shelly declined.

Members have up to ten days after the meeting to make nominations. After that time, Eric will send candidate list out on the web list serve. Eric will also be seeking for an Election Commissioner for next month's election. This person cannot be a candidate.

House Tour –Postcards to pass out are on the tables. Please take more and help present our wonderful neighborhood to others. The House Tour is Sunday, September 30th 1p-4p and starts at Five Star. There are 22+ properties on the tour. Please make an effort to mow the lawn, pick up trash, etc. and call Barb about other properties that need maintenance. Please come out and see the properties for sale in your neighborhood. Barb took a question about debris left from an accident on California and Utah. She will check on that.

Membership Dinner –Invitations have been sent out so members should receive them very soon. The dinner/silent auction is October 20th at Cabrini Gym. We had over 100 people attend last year and we plan for even more this year. Please attend and help celebrate your membership.

Brick Award Nominations -The deadline for nominations is tonight. Drop your nominations/ballots into the box or drop them in the mail slot at 2645 Wyoming.

Holiday Party –Eric asked for suggestions for this year’s holiday party. The board has discussed showing a holiday movie in Cabrini’s Gym. The board was looking at Friday, December 14th at 7pm to not get too close to the holidays. Jay Swoboda gave an idea for us to do a volunteer event. Ideas given were adopt a family, car good drive, food drive distribution, caroling. There will be more to come about this event as the board looks into these ideas.

Signage –The new BPW yard signs are in. Please see Anne Childers after the meeting about signing up to take a sign. Remember to put the sign either in your yard or even better at an intersection. Put the sign out the Sunday before the meeting and take it back in no later than the Friday after.

Activities –Bill Byrd announced the Five Star chicken dinner fundraiser coming up October 7th. Please come out and support. Also VITA needs volunteers, more info on this to come next month. If interested call Mike at Five Star 314-664-1008

Alderman –Alderman Craig Schmid came in after another meeting. He made announcements about up and coming events in and around our neighborhood:

*Concordia Publishing House children’s event Sat. Sept. 29th 11a-2p

*Police and Fire Appreciation BBQ at 3678 S. Broadway

*Blues and Buns Fest at Meramec and Virginia Sun. Sept. 30th 1p-7p

*Cherokee Mexican event November 2nd-4th

*Jackson Piano’s children’s event on Halloween

*Family and Community Picnic S. Broadway and Compton Oct. 6th 2p-5p

Keep supporting your neighbors.

The Aldermanic Session starts tomorrow. Things to be looked at are the loitering bill and the curfew violation system as well as trash issues.

Alderman Craig Schmid took a question about traffic violations on Ohio and Wyoming.

Members discussed ways to get cars to slow down/stop when going through that intersection which led to a short discussion about speed bumps, barricades, one way streets, cameras and general safety of all the residential streets. Eric suggested that we make this issue a topic of discussion at a future NA meeting in order to look for resolution in this matter.

Announcements –

-Bill Byrd went to the last Metro Link open forum meeting. They are definitely looking to expand from north and south. One possibility is to run it straight down the middle of Jefferson with three stops in our neighborhood as well as access for us to downtown and to further south shopping districts. They are not estimating finishing for another 8-10 years. For more info go to northsouthstudy.org and also nscomments@ewgateway.org

-Roosevelt High School football game this Saturday. It is also Community Day so come out and wear red!!

-See you next month for Elections at the next meeting Thursday, October 18th at 7pm

Adjournment