

Chester Park Association

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Held on the Green

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Brian Valente. The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Wendy Scott-Williams and approved by all in attendance.

[The number of residents in attendance varied during the meeting, with a grand total of 17.]

Old Business

- What to do about the low attendance at the annual meeting. Past delivery problems with flyers seem to have dissipated.
- Board of Trustees issue was again raised. Need to solicit prospective Board members (via email). Once a slate of prospects is assembled, officers will hold special meeting to select Board members. Ideally, there should be 12 Board members. Mary Balogh and Joe Daprocida volunteered to be on the Board.
- Re-structuring of communications function. Two directors of communications were appointed: Joe, to manage all aspects of CPA emails (generation, contact list, etc.); and Mary to set up and maintain a Chester Park website blog. Wendy offered to help Mary. Old CPA website should be discontinued at some point.
- Re-scheduling the rained-out Movie in the Park ("Star Wars") to this Saturday (6/18).
- Brian Valente and Joe officially greeted the new residents (at 1 Chestnut Ave.)

Treasurer's Report (by Michael Mackay)

- ◇ Membership was up to 88 in 2010 (was only 52 in 2009).
- ◇ Total income for 2010 rose to \$3825 (up from an income of \$2247 in 2009).
- ◇ Total expenses for 2010 were \$5004 (up appreciably from 2009's \$3871).
- ◇ Net revenue for 2010 was -\$1179.
- ◇ Mowing costs for 2010 remained at the 2009 cost of \$1200.
- ◇ Cost of fall clean-up rose from \$415 to \$480. There were also tree damage costs of \$875.
- ◇ Picnic costs increased (from \$465 to \$828) - due in part to providing picnic entertainment for the kids in 2010. Holiday party costs went down (from \$650 to \$197).
- ◇ Other singular expenses in 2010 were the jazz quartet in September (\$480) and the three-year renewal of the website (\$242).
- ◇ The current balance (as of 6/12/10) is \$8083 (it was \$8646 at this time last year).

New Business

- ◇ In light of the fact that more money was spent than was taken in last year, it was proposed that dues and/or the tree fund amounts should be increased. The final decision was to leave the tree fund donation at \$25, but to increase the annual dues to \$30 starting on 1/1/12. To further generate dues payment, Joe will print out residents address labels for a mailing that would include an addressed, stamped envelope to facilitate dues payment. Along with the payment coupon, the mailing should list all of the Park's activities and the historical importance of an active Association. Do such a mailing in the fall and again around Easter. Also, continue to do a quarterly newsletter.
- ◇ Inquiry about setting up payment via Pay-Pal; not much interest.
- ◇ There have been inquiries about a directory of CP residents, so Joe and Brian (Valente) and

Michael will work together to assemble a directory of residents' emails (firstly, soliciting the 90 residents whose emails are on file to see who does/does not want their information distributed). The final directory will only be distributed in paper form. It was also proposed to also include the Chester Park history within the hard copy directory.

- ◇ Mary enquired about the cost and procedure to re-cap the park pillar near her house.
- ◇ Michael will look into the costs of replacing all metal sign posts in the Park with wooden ones.
- ◇ Relay for Life event went well. Upon officer review, the CPA should continue to allow similar community events to be held on the Green.
- ◇ Tag sale has been proposed via email from a resident (Andrea) not in attendance. Discussion of past tag sales, but no further action taken.
- ◇ Exchange program (akin to Freecycle) amongst Park residents proposed (by Joe). Items to be traded/given away would be posted either by email or Facebook or website/blog.
- ◇ Michael proposed buying banquet tables (instead of renting them). Cost of rental was \$162 last year for picnic (6 tables). Brian (Valente) volunteered to store them in his garage.
- ◇ Still have CPA stickers. Possibly give out at picnic when people pay their dues. Michael pointed out that the picnic is the only CPA event that generates dues payment.
- ◇ Regarding picnic: to save on costs, it was proposed to have the bouncy house, but not the clown. The picnic charges will remain at \$5 for children (12 and under) and \$10 for all others.
- ◇ Discussion of 'progressive neighborhood dinner'. Options include: different meal courses at different homes; or an appetizer/cocktail theme - where different homes would have different drinks options. Maybe end the evening with all gathering for a bonfire in the Park. Should take place in the fall. To be discussed further – after picnic.

Election of Officers

The incumbents all agreed to stay on in their current roles. Voting for the slate was unanimous.

- Presidents Brian Valente & Brian Veith
- Vice- President Chris Maiberger
- Treasurer Michael Mackay
- Recording Secretary Wendy Scott-Williams

2011/12 Activities

- "Movie in the Park" night on June 18th.
- Solstice Scavenger Hunt will take place on June 22nd.
- July BBQ picnic will be held on Saturday, July 23rd - with a rain date on July 24th. Brian and Brian will co-chair again this year.
- Proposed: another jazz concert this fall - to be determined after review of finances after the July picnic.
- Santa in the Park will on December 10th - chaired by Wendy.
- Holiday cocktail party will also be on the 10th. The Maibergers have again offered the use of their house this year.
- House holiday decorating contest will be held in December, with Wendy overseeing the judging committee.
- Spring Egg Hunt, will have the same committee members as last year, with a date TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.