

PWCA June 5, 2008 Minutes

Attendance: Bill Brubaker, Katie Fritz, Anthony Gil, Karen Gotlieb, Joel Horwitz, Miranda Hughes, Nancy Isserman, Robert Levin, Lance Rogers, Shelly Sessler, Jean Claude St. Germaine, Guest: Lisa Healy, Lisa Sav Excused: Gary Friedlander, Marc Slovak

Minutes: Minutes of the May board meeting were approved. The April minutes had been deferred due to a lack of a quorum but had not been resent to the board to review for approval. (see attached)

President's Report: Karen presented information about the new leash ordinance on cats. The group decided to put information about the law and the organizations that help with the problem of unleashed cats on our website. The ordinance is in response to a growing problem of stray cats in our neighborhood and others in Lower Merion.

A second issue discussed was the reoccurrence of antisemitic graffiti on the Penn Wynne Elementary school on primary voting day. This was the third occurrence from mid April to now. A fourth incident occurred at the library. The police have no leads.

The board decided to take the following actions: to bring this problem to the attention of the LM Board of Commissioners; to work with the other civic associations on this issue; to create a committee to investigate this issue and develop a multipronged approach to address this problem which will include the schools, the police, the township, ADL, etc. Tony Gil agreed to chair the committee. Karen, Lance, Jean Claude and Lisa agreed to be on the committee.

The third issue discussed was the officer vacancies on the board. Motions were made to ask Jean Claude to become the first vice president and Tony Gil to become second vice president. They agreed to assume these positions and the motions were approved.

1st Vice President's Report: Jean has mailed the brochure to over 150 local companies. We have added some new sponsors - Mapes pledged 100, Trader Joe's pledged a \$30 basket, and 5 below pledged \$25. He will begin to follow up with companies tomorrow to help generate funds. He mailed out the Lankaneau brochure to Richard Wells. Unfortunately, Wells no longer works there. Can someone contact Lankaneau to get them to sponsor. Let's shoot for \$1000 this yr. Last year's donation was \$750. Jean needs someone to develop thank you letters for companies that sponsor. He also needs additional assistance following up with Genuardi's Ardmore Toyota, etc. He needs help obtaining the T-shirts, insurance.

Karen agreed to do the thank you notes. **The Fourth of July committee will be meeting every week on Wednesday at 7:30 until July Fourth upstairs in the library.**

2nd Vice President's Report: Tony's by-laws committee will be send out a report on the new proposed bylaws to the Board sometime in the next few weeks. Tony is also working on the recycling of the hangers' project. Ascot will participate; they pay \$5/pound for the hangers. The question is will they give us a bin and where do we put it? Should we collect hangers at the 4th of July or at the annual meeting?

Commissioner's Report: Lance noted that the new cat ordinance is described on his website. The ordinance is in response to a problem with feral cats in Ardmore. If the animal warden collects the cats without leashes the owners will be fined.

The park survey had a 7% response. After reviewing the completed surveys, the Parks staff is recommending that one hoop on the basketball court be temporarily replaced with a kid sized hoop to see how successful that solution is. In addition, they are recommending improvements for the path which starts at Arden. Two commissioners who are unclear about supporting these recommendations will be coming to examine the park and the path. Lance will let us know when they are coming so that we may talk to them.

Treasurer's Report: Not present - will be added later.

School Board Report: None

Membership Report: We received many letters in response to our mailing and Katie will give us a report at the next meeting.

Web Development Report: None

Old Business:

Five and Below: They have sent us a check for \$25. Nancy reported that Barbara thinks that if we do this project again, we need to monitor the register and publicize it in the store itself. It was unclear if we got proceeds from just one afternoon or from two days worth of sales.

The annual meeting: Everyone agreed to try to arrange a debate between Lance and Daylin for the annual meeting in October. The League of Women Voters would be asked to moderate as they have done in the past. The candidates for state representative will also be asked to speak. The second vice president will work on the arrangements.

New Business: The Board agreed to meet this year in July and August to address the ongoing projects and issues. The July meeting will be on the 10th. Bill will not be at the July meeting and Lance and Bill will not be at the August meeting.