

Minutes PWCA October 2, 2008

Present: Bill Brubaker, Gary Friedlander, Katie Fritz, Tony Gil, Karen Gotlieb, Lisa Healy, Miranda Hughes, Nancy Isserman, Caryn Klars, Bob Levine, Lisa Liebman, Lance Rogers, Jean Claude St. Germaine, Marc Slovak Excused: Joel Horwitz, Christian Petrucci, Shelly Sassler. Guests: Andy Gotlieb, Joseph Mudd, Glen Rosazza, Pat Sinclair.

Minutes: September minutes approved.

President's Report: The following events are taking place in LMT:

- The Philadelphia Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund on October 19th stopping at Bala Cynwyd, Penn Wynne and Ashbridge Parks. If you want to volunteer email lschlang@event360.com or call Lisa Schlang at 510-593-1187.
- Meetings on the Schuylkill River West Trail Feasibility Study on Oct. 13 at the Township building at 7 pm. For more information contact Lindsay Taylor, ltaylor@lowermerion.org or 610-645-6188.
- Town Hall Meeting hosted by Risa Vetri Ferman, Oct. 27th at 7 pm at the Township building to discuss crime issues and prevention, school safety, etc. For more information contact Montgomery County district Attorney's Office at 610-278-3090.

1st Vice President's Report: Jean announced that Lankenau Hospital has several senior programs each month. They are: Senior Life and Culture every 3rd Friday; Healthe Care Professionals soup and salad dinners every Wednesday; and a Care Program to keep seniors in their homes.

The annual meeting is on October 28th at the Penn Wynne elementary school. Lance Rogers and Daylin Leach have both sent a list of issues to Karen who will give them to the moderator: Vernon Odom. In addition, at the annual meeting there will be information on Lankenau Hospital's senior programs, a sign up sheet for people needing rides to the polls on Election Day, and we will be selling PWCA t-shirts. Lisa Healy has volunteered to drive people to the polls on November 4th. This announcement will be made at the meeting on the 28th. There will also be a hanger drive. Money raised from the collection of the hangers will be given to the PWCA treasury for future programming.

Correction to the annual newsletter: The neighbors helped in paying for the landscaping of the Overbrook Parkway island.

Commissioner's Report: Two parks in Gladwyne will be created for dogs in 2009-2010 through a tax increase. A new sewer system is being installed on Haverford Road to trap water and offset flooding in the area. New cherry trees donated by the Japanese government will be dedicated in a ceremony on October 17, 2008 at 1 pm. For a history of the garden see the Civic Express, Vol 16 issue 3, October 2008. Lankenau Hospital has applied to install new parking lots for 236 spaces in front of the campus and a parking deck in the back next to the parking garage. The hospital is talking to the neighbors in meetings and one on one.

Treasurer's Report: There is currently \$6629 in the treasury. This is before deducting expenses for the newsletter.

School Board Report: After much discussion the PWCA decided not to take a position on the redistricting issue. The PWCA will be an impartial information conduit for the issue. The PWCA will maintain a link to the LMSD website which contains information about the redistricting and any public meetings. In addition, the website will contain contact information about the different groups organizing to oppose or support various redistricting plans.

Currently a proposal has been presented and public comments have been received. The current proposal would send Penn Wynne elementary school graduates to Welsh Valley instead of Bala Cynwyd middle school and then to Harriton for high school. This would not apply to students already enrolled at the schools. A new proposal will be presented on October 20th. Public comments will be received on or by October 25th. A third proposal will be presented, if necessary, in November with a final decision by December so that the school district can begin to plan the fall semester.

Membership Report: will be added to the minutes when it is received.

Guest speakers: Green Council Lower Merion School District, Joseph Mudd and Glenn Rosazza, founders. The Green Council is presenting a Local Food Forum on Tuesday October 7 at 7 pm at the PW elementary school in the large group meeting room on the second floor. They will present ways to support sustainable agriculture, avoid environmental degradation, and buying local. For more information contact info@pennwynnegreen.org or www.greencouncil.lmsdscitech.org

Guest speaker: Andy Gotlieb of Bellevue Communications presented the changes that St. Joseph's University wants to make on the old Episcopal Academy grounds that they just bought. They want to create a walking oriented campus for English, Sociology, Education courses, sports for five varsity teams, no additional parking lots, and a lot of additional landscaping. The current parking lots would be card access only for St. Joe staff and students. This is a decrease in usage by approximately 50-75% from its usage by Episcopal. The neighbors on Latches Lane have hired a lawyer and are making unsubstantiated claims regarding lights, usage, etc.

Slate of Officers for 2009

President: Jean Claude St. Germain

Vice President: Tony Gil

Deputy Vice President: Shelly Sassler

Secretary: Lisa Liebman

Treasurer: Gary Friedlander

Sergeant-at-Arms: Lance Rogers or the current commissioner

New Business – Federation of Civic's Public Participation Statement. After discussion it was unanimously decided to vote against the statement. This position will be conveyed to the Federation at their next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Isserman
secretary