

## JANUARY 2010 MINUTES – PWCA

ATTENDEES: Rick Churchill; Tony Gill; Lisa Healy; Miranda Hughes-Zoler; Nancy Isserman, Bob Levine; Jean Claude St. Germain; Karen Gottlieb, Shelly Sassler; Mark Slovak; Dave Smith

The first PWCA meeting for 2010 was held Thursday, January 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. (upstairs in the Penn Wynne Library), although usually the meetings are at 7:30.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- A. Tony Gill introduced the new officers for 2010. Tony is the President. Rick Churchill is the new Sergeant at Arms. Miranda Hughes is currently the Acting Secretary but would appreciate help if she cannot attend a meeting. Gary Friedlander will continue to be the Treasurer. Tony stated that the civic still needs to find a first Vice President and a permanent secretary. We also need a membership chair.
- B. Tony thanked Jean Claude St. Germain for being an excellent president during 2009 and working so hard on many projects (e.g., putting all the members on a computer list, although we will miss the old index file). Jean Claude was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging his presidency (thank you Karen Gottlieb). We also thank Shelley Sassler for running the July 4<sup>th</sup> carnival and Lisa Healy for being Secretary for 2009.
- C. Tony requested a complete list of the current directors (i.e., those who have actually been attending meetings). Shelley Sassler mentioned that the PWCA minutes should be printed and on file. Marc Slovak has been putting the minutes onto the PWCA web site and he also put the PWCA history on our web site (thanks Marc).

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** none

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Although Gary did not attend because the meeting started later than usual, he submitted a report that there is about \$3900 in the treasury. Tony stated that this was not bad considering the economy. In 2009, the civic spent \$5000 to run July 4<sup>th</sup>. Per Jean Claude, it costs about \$400 to mail out the membership letter; the letter costs us about \$600-\$800 (i.e., printing costs). Pat Sinclair has graciously agreed to continue graphic design for the civic (i.e., membership letter, printed fliers etc. needed for July 4<sup>th</sup>).

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** none because Gary was not present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. The December '09 minutes were approved.
- B. Nancy Isserman stated that the neighborhood looked terrible on trash day because of curb side pickup. Several people stated this was probably because it was very windy and that trash & trash cans blew around on the first day of the new pickup. Per Rick Churchill, about 4000 people opted for rear yard pickup, which was a greater number than expected because people now have to pay for this service. Note that if you put your trash cans in an alley, this is considered curb side pickup (not rear yard).

- C. Jean Claude mentioned that the PWCA will work with the Ardmore Rotary Club to revitalize the Garden for the Blind, which is in Wynnewood Valley Park (e.g., the PWCA may organize a cleanup of the garden).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The Wynnewood Post Office will be closing down the Annex (i.e., they are not extending the lease) as a cost saving measure. Thus, if mail is being held for residents, they will have to go to the Havertown Post Office (444 E. Township Line Road), which is about 3 miles from the Wynnewood Post Office. This may be very inconvenient for residents without a car. The Wynnewood service window will still be available for stamp purchase, mailing packages etc. Several board members were concerned that Penn Wynne residents might have our post office eventually moved to Havertown. Members stated that they wanted to know what it would cost to be insured in Havertown, because insurance rates are based on our zip code. Note that the PWCA lobbied for years to get our zip code changed to Wynnewood (19096; this occurred in 1991), which resulted in substantial savings for residents because previously Penn Wynne had a Philadelphia zip code (19151). Other members stated that they had bought their house because it was in Wynnewood, not Havertown, and were concerned that their property values might decrease if the zip code was changed to Havertown. Someone suggested that we should contact Senator Spector and do further research about this issue, because the future ramifications of this issue are not clear. Note that the Main Line Times discussed this issue on Dec 30, 2009 (“Wynnewood Post Office Will Cut Back Operations”).
- B. There was a heated discussion about the lack of and/or poor snow plowing during the recent storm (Dec 19-20 when Wynnewood received about 18 inches of snow). Several long-time residents stated that the roads were worse than after previous storms. Nancy stated that all the snow was piled up at the end of her road, making it impassible. Rick stated that there were several problems 1) the township only had about 5 people to plow (the township has not filled several positions because of the economic downturn), several of whom had not been trained to plow; and 2) there was greater snowfall than usual. However, the head of Public Works for the township got the message that there were problems with snow removal and that maintenance crews need to be fully staffed.
- C. Tony discussed that there was a recent armed robbery at Howard’s Pharmacy (Dec 9) at 9:30 am. No one was hurt, although customers were in the store at the time. The robbers wanted drugs (Percot, Oxycon) but only got cough syrup. Note that Newsweek recently had an article on how to deal with being held hostage (Feb 1, 2010).

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Hughes Zoler

