

STNA Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

prepared by Malina Neville

In attendance: Ute Munger, MaryLouise Ott, Karen Mundt, George Nicola, Raymond McKinney, Hal Burnworth, Aron Stephens, Joanna Wagner, Jonah Paisner, Steve Reinemer, Malina Neville, Marika Feibel, Logan Louvray from Friends of Trees, Blythe Pavlik from SEUL, and officer Brent Maxey of the East Precinct.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by president Jonah Paisner. The agenda was presented and, after additions to announcements, unanimously approved.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

November 2010 minutes were presented by Malina Neville and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Ute Munger presented the treasurer's report. The current budget is \$992.84. The report was unanimously accepted.

Guest Speakers

1. Officer Brent Maxey of the East Precinct was welcomed back. He brought good news, as the monthly statistics show a decrease in crime in the area. Most events were car prowls, especially along Powell Boulevard. To prevent larcenies and theft, he advised taking an additional minute to remove items from the cabin when leaving your car, and parking it in a well-lit location. Besides remembering to remove all electronic devices, if you have a GPS unit, use wipes to clean off the ring left on the windshield at the attachment site. The officer also answered neighbors' questions about specific events.
2. Logan Louvray of Friends of Trees made a brief presentation about the organization's two main programs: the Green Space Initiative and the Neighborhood Trees. They were gearing up for planting in South Tabor on January 22. The planting season runs October - April; volunteers are invited to check out their website at www.friendsoftrees.org.

Announcements

The Franklin High School Class of 2011 submitted a letter requesting sponsorship for the upcoming Senior All Night Party, an alcohol- and drug-free event sponsored by their PTA. As noted in their letter, Franklin HS has one of the highest percentages of students receiving free and reduced lunches - 47% - in Portland Public Schools, and many families are unable to contribute the \$55 cost for their student. The deadline for receiving financial assistance is March 18.

Delicious snacks and hot apple cider were kindly offered by Jonah Paisner and Joanna Wagner.

STNA Committee Reports

1. Cleanup

The cleanup committee does not have a coordinator yet this year. As this is the main fundraiser event for the STNA, the news is unsettling. Options were discussed, including joining up with other neighborhood associations to organize it. Steve Reinemer will contact Mt. Tabor NA and report at the next meeting.

2. Newsletter

STNA does not currently have the funds to cover publishing our much appreciated green newsletter. After brainstorming for options and realistically assessing costs, it was decided that the publication of the newsletter will cease indefinitely. The plan is for the information to be disseminated via the listserv, and to be available on the website.

Dianne Amico, website coordinator, was absent, so some of the questions were tabled.

Neighbors are invited to join via our Yahoo Groups site at:

groups.yahoo.com/group/southtabor (or link from our website: www.southtabor.org)

OR send us an email at info@... and we'll sign you up.

3. SEUplift

Blythe Pavlik of SE Uplift, and MaryLouise Ott, our SEUL representative, discussed the purpose of SEUL, and ways for STNA to benefit from this affiliation. Blythe kindly offered her availability to brainstorm regarding ways to increase communication with neighbors and outreach suggestions. She is also interested in organizing a Soapbox Derby Team for this summer and is looking for participants.

It was also confirmed that STNA's application for a grant to fund the Harvest Festival, submitted by Aron Stephens, was not funded this year. This was disappointing to all present. Of 40 grant applications for \$140,000 total, only 15 were awarded the available \$22,000.

A motion was submitted, and approved, to extend the meeting until 8:40 pm.

New Business

Regarding her idea of organizing a pancake breakfast, Ute Munger informed us that plans are canceled for now due to lack of interest and volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next meeting will be February 17, 2011.