

**NWONA Board Meeting
November 25, 2103
7:15 to 8:15 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Erin Volz; Erica Guttman, president; Scott Bishop; Susan Tuzzolino; Rip Heminway, vice-president.

Other neighbors: Mike Volz

Board Members Absent: Daniel Einstein, Jean Mead, Dorothy Gist, Cathy Visser, David Mosely, Jerry Parker

Treasurer's report: Dorothy sent the following report in her absence. Additionally, she noted that the annual meeting resulted in \$395 in dues and required \$287 in pizza, salad, and drinks.

<u>Date</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>DEPOSITS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
10/01/12	BEGINNING BALANCES			2,674.37
10/31/12	deposit dues checks from annual meeting		657.00	3,331.37
10/31/12	deposit interest		0.23	3,331.60
11/04/12	Ck #101 - Dorothy Gist (cookies reimburse)	-54.00		3,277.60
11/04/12	Ck#102 - Susan Tuzzolino (pizza reimburse)	-108.70		3,168.90
11/29/12	deposit 1 dues check		20.00	3,188.90
11/30/12	deposit interest		0.22	3,189.12
12/31/13	deposit interest		0.23	3,189.35
01/01/13	Ck#103 - Susan Burgoon (cookies reimburse)	-36.00		3,153.35
01/31/13	deposit interest		0.23	3,153.58
02/28/13	deposit interest		0.21	3,153.79
03/31/13	deposit interest		0.23	3,154.02
04/09/13	Deposit of dues		153.00	3,307.02
04/22/13	Ck#105 - Cathy V - food for annual meeting	-59.42		3,247.60
04/22/13	Ck#106 - Susan Tuzzolino - food annual meeting	-107.92		3,139.68
04/22/13	Ck#107 - Susan Burgoon - name tags	-6.52		3,133.16
04/22/13	Ck#108 - Erica Guttman - supplies for annual meet	-25.01		3,108.15
04/30/13	deposit interest		0.22	3,108.37
05/24/13	Ck#104 - Dorothy Gist salad supplies at Co-op	-17.49		3,090.88
05/31/13	deposit interest		0.23	3,091.11
06/19/13	Harland Clarke - Box of Checks	-13.30		3,077.81
06/28/13	Harland Clarke refund for checks with errors		13.30	3,091.11
06/30/13	deposit of interest		0.22	3,091.33
07/05/13	Honeybuckets Puyallup	-140.00		2,951.33
07/22/13	Event Pro (generator, fuel, stage cover	-172.00		2,779.33
07/29/13	Ck# 0111- Dorothy Gist for weed burner	-50.67		2,728.66
07/31/13	Deposit interest		0.22	2,728.88
08/05/13	Ck# 0112- Susan Tuzzolino (Fest insurance, chalk, paint)	-150.25		2,578.63
08/05/13	Ck#0113- Kendra Sawyer (printing for Fun Fest)	-105.81		2,472.82
08/06/13	Ck#0114- Olympic Mountain Ice Cream	-96.98		2,375.84
08/07/13	Ck#0115- Mike Cousino (Fun Fest games prizes	-33.70		2,342.14
08/09/13	Ck#0116- Nicholson Insurance (Pathways)	-638.13		1,704.01

08/31/13	deposit interest	0.17	1,704.18
09/03/13	Deposit: City of Olympia reimbursement for Ck#0116	638.13	2,342.31
09/30/13	deposit interest	0.14	2,342.45
10/24/13	deposit 1 dues check	25.00	2,367.45
10/29/13	Ck #117 Olympia Food coop - salad stuff for annual	-35.87	2,331.58
11/04/13	Deposit of dues collected at annual meeting	395.00	2,726.58
11/04/13	Ck#118 John Shepard for pizza for annual meeting	-228.48	2,498.10
11/04/13	Ck#119 Cathy Visser for beverages for annual meeting	-22.50	2,475.60

(1) **Welcome new board members.** We welcomed Erin Volz to the board and got her contact information for the board contact list.

(2) **Elect officers/discuss board responsibilities:** We essentially tabled this discussion until the January meeting, since the combination of holidays and emergencies resulted in many absent board members.

However, we did note the need for all board members to review the by-laws on the NWOA website to become familiar with the responsibilities.

(3) **Overview of current activities & need for plan:** Those present agreed that significant time should be set aside in January to develop a plan for the year to prioritize what we want to accomplish. As part of the plan, different members will volunteer to lead different activities to more evenly spread the workload.

Susan T. made the point that creating community in our neighborhood is like "tending the garden." In addition to creating, we need to save energy for maintaining what we've built.

Current activities/updates:

Pocket Park at Madison & Thomas: Significant summer labor went into working on the park, specifically weeding and sheet-mulching the Madison Avenue side. But we didn't accomplish our goals under the Block Grant from the City for the new benches and raised herb beds. Thus, Erica will ask Todd Stamm for an extension on the grant.

Susan also suggested seeing if other community partners could help us with tending the park, such as horticulture students at Capital HS, GrUB, church groups, etc.

Pathways Projects: Erica summarized the status of the two Pathways projects funded in our neighborhood, including recapping the update that Daniel Einstein provided at the annual meeting. The Scammel project is on hold until the City resolves a small legal matter, and Daniel E successfully led the first stages of the Woodard pathway project all summer. At this point, construction is on hold until the drier weather returns.

Summer Fun Fest – Susan is committed to continuing as lead organizer for the event again. It will be held Sunday, July 27, 2014. Susan wants to start looking for grant money to pay the musicians. Everything should be local if possible (westside Olympia!).

(4) Meeting Dates/Locations:

Rip will send out email with the question of what are the top 3 days (in order) Monday through Friday that you prefer for monthly meetings, as well as what times work best. December meeting is cancelled, January meeting tentatively January 27th, but we'll see what comes from the poll.

Location – stay with Woodard (7pm) until Garfield is done with the remodel. Erica will check in with Cj to make sure this is still ok. She will also see if we can get access to wireless for meetings, as well.

(5) Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA): Erin V volunteered to become the designated NWONA representative to CNA, with Erica and Rip still attending occasionally and to fill in when she cannot. Erica will email to Phil and Bob. Erica and Rip updated the group on some recent CNA discussions, including sub-area planning, water meter replacement, one-side waste services collection, etc. They asked the group for guidance on how best to get info from CNA onto Nextdoor for the general membership without overwhelming neighbors.

(6) New crossings: Rip reported that the new crossings are in and the flashing lights will be installed later. Susan suggested we thank the folks responsible for having taken action on something NWONA and SWONA jointly requested, and Mike suggested we do that by using the 3-minute public-comment time before a council meeting once they are completely done. Susan suggested we take a picture of neighbors in one of the crosswalks.

(7) President's update - various communications: Erica shared various correspondence she needs to reply to and asked for board input, including a form from the City and multiple suggestions from neighbor John Epstein. The group discussed both and provided Erica with their suggestions.