



Board Members/Officers Attending:

President: Linda Siple **Vice Pres: Bob Scheidt** **Secretary: Sandra Swanson** **Treas: Robert McLoughlin**
Elm District Rep: Jim Nicholson **Corwin Dist Rep: Holly Petsos** **Croydon Dist Rep: David Kaiser**

Also: Sharon Bloemendaal; Anne Weintraub; Cassy Petsos; Joan Hopkins

Approval of minutes from 01/20/2016– Sandra Swanson

No changes. Bob moved to accept, 2nd by Holly. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – Robert McLoughlin

New revenue items shown: Winter Gathering and raffle.

Main expense items: Winter Gathering, membership flyers.

Winter Gathering had 59 attendees at a cost of \$27.15 each.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Winter Gathering recap. Food was considered tasty and a good value; ice cream sundae bar was very popular.
- Aldi proposal and Zoning Update – Holly Petsos
No update available. For next meeting Holly will call the court and ask if there is something on the calendar.
- Merwin Auto: Holly contacted the owner about the proposed project status. She talked to city real estate dept. about any limitations to use of the green space behind his lot; it is forever owned by the city. Owner is redoing the drawings and seems very amenable to discussion. There will not be a convenience store proposed after owner listened to our input. He may add a customer waiting area. Also wants exit to Royalston St. We will wait for any proposal he might make to the city.
- Historic Street Sign-post project – Linda
Michael Sisson, Michael Brandt and Linda meet monthly. To prepare for manufacturing, they are developing a comprehensive description of the sign post. Michael Sisson is exploring 3 grants coming available in May. Holly spoke with NWV member Marilyn Parchus, who is very experienced with the grant writing process.
- School 46 – Capital Improvements – Cassy
Windows to be stripped on back and side for lead abatement. Roof replacement starts when weather permits.
- Membership Drive update – Robert
Revenue \$2300; 230 member households, 37% of households
- Walking Tour – update Cassy, Shari and Linda
The walking tour committee met earlier this week; they want to add more historic information, using some text from the city history book, so the tour brochure is a better standalone document. Consider giving a copy to all dues-paying members as a thank you gift. Later, hope to get the history book updated and then reprinted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Crier – Cassy
May 18 membership meeting so Crier should be out 2nd week in April; articles should be submitted to Cassy by April 1. Shari will submit a writeup about her talk.
Also add updates about the sign post and the walking tour guide as works in progress. Ann Weintraub will add a blurb about Home for a Lifetime. Space permitting there will be articles about the Merwin Auto project and status of the Brighton street lighting project (see New Business below).

- Identify location of annual membership meeting – group
This has been determined to be Faith to Faith Church.
- Brighton street light update – Bob S.
City approached Brighton blocks adjacent to BNA and asked if they wanted street lights continuing down to Fairhaven. (Bob has been trying to get that.) Step 1 was getting an estimate. As a result, Windemere was the only block where people supported it (it's the only block that's really dark). Bob will get revised construction estimate for Windemere only and go back to people on that block.
- Home for Lifetime – Ann W.
Magnet. Ann showed business-card-size mockup and estimate. Plan: provide one for each household, delivered with the Crier, in a small envelope. Holly moved to recommend funds; approved and Ann will move ahead.
The Home for Lifetime color brochure is out of stock and we discussed getting some color copies made to have on hand for the new resident's package. Next time they are needed (about 2017) we should update content, then print. Bob suggested having a blurb for Home for Lifetime in every Crier. Moved and approved to make 100 color copies and Cassy will put a recurring blurb in the Crier.
- Garden Tour 2016 – Shari B.
Shari suggests having a one-time garden tour for Browncroft neighbors only, at no charge. She will be asking for volunteers to open gardens and volunteers to organize. Jane Zimmet has volunteered and Shari will contact her. Jim, Jane and Shari will meet and report at the next meeting.
- Purchase of portable microphone – Linda
Linda looked into this as we continue to need amplification. A friend of Linda recommended a model from Staples for about \$130. It can be used via lavalier or on a stand. Cassy moved we approve, 2nd and Linda will arrange for the purchase.
- New rep needed for Corwin and Elmcroft – Group
Linda to look into Corwin, Jim will look for Elmcroft and Merchants and report to next meeting.
- Celebrate City Living event April 16. Landmark society doing a bus tour. Do we want to participate by having a table? Decided not to participate.
- Jim asked about doing a movie again. He will look into logistics for late summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda Siple

- Next Executive Committee meeting 03/17, 7pm @ Faith to Faith Church (this was cancelled so board members could attend the Winton Road paving plans meeting).
- Next Full Board Meeting 04/20, 7pm @ Faith to Faith Church
- Annual Membership Meeting 5/18, 7 – 9:30pm @ Location TBD (Will be Faith to Faith Church). Speaker: Sharon Bloemendaal "History of Browncroft Neighborhood"
- Picnic July 20th details tbd. Robert will arrange with the city.
- April 30 cleanup of Rose Garden.