

## WPNA Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2019

Memorial United Methodist Church (Parlor), Austin, TX

1. **Welcome:** Dan Strub called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. We welcomed new residents and visitors to the meeting. Please remember to patronize the businesses who sponsor us and let them know you saw their ad in the Window on Windsor. We thanked newsletter deliverers. We're always looking for more delivers. Let Amanda Rose know if you're interested in helping out. Jeanette Swenson thanked Harold Rutts on Glenvalley, age 89, who recently retired after many years of service. He has bundled and delivered papers for many, many years.
2. **Citizen's Communication:**
  - A. **Schools:** If you know a Senior who goes to Reagan, LBJ or LASA and live in our neighborhood, please encourage them to apply for the \$1000 scholarship. Deadline is March 29. Application can be found on the WPNA website.
  - B. **Block Party:** April 13. Please attend! Games, music, food. We are still looking for sponsors and volunteers. Please look at the Facebook page or WPNA website.
  - C. **Emily Sawyer:** Bond planning meeting for feedback on the facilities master plan- last meeting is today, 3/9/19. An important survey on the WPNA Facebook Page for you to have your voice heard on schools. Please take time to fill it out.
  - D. **Documentary screening, Backpack Full of Cash:** 3/11 from 6-8 pm at Servant Church, 1605 E 38th 1/2 St, Austin, TX 78722.
  - E. **Integrated Schools in Austin group meeting:**
  - F. **Jeanette Swenson:** Note the death of JF Seabolt-Doty, there is a Go Fund Me site to support costs of funeral and expenses and a memorial at Upper Crust to be held on 3/24 at 2:30 pm.
  - G. **Elaine Bohls:** Please visit [justfundittx.org](http://justfundittx.org)
  - H. **Mary Aleshire:** Shared memories with the WPNA of JF Seabolt-Doty.
  - I. **Brian Graham:** Cover story in This Week's Austin Chronicle on growth of Austin. Please read it.

### 3. Yard of the Month: Sara Jane Lee, 1503 Westmoor Drive

Becca & Bob moved in six years ago, spent time building gardens in their school gardens. Becca grew up in Windsor Park. Took Citizen's Garden Class from the Sustainable Food Center. They have a variety of gardens. Many of their plants and herbs propagate. Please visit Shoal Creek and thank them for sponsoring our Yard of the Month winners with a \$50 gift certificate.

4. **February 2019 Minutes:** Move to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Meg Brooks shared the Treasurer's Report, printed on the back of the agenda. Will speak more during Audit Committee Report.

6. **Schools Committee Meeting/Proposed Resolution:** Monday, 3/11 at 7 pm at Gloria N's house: 5806 Thames Drive.

Meghan Dougherty spoke on a resolution we are putting together to submit to AISD.

Overarching ideas:

\*We don't want to see classroom sizes increase (raising cap to 29 per class)

\*We don't want to see teachers increase their workload, teaching 6 periods a day and not 7.

\*Great programs, but not great accountability measures. How can we measure these programs?

\*Our elementary schools saw the biggest drop in enrollment in the district, but even with the under enrollment, we still serve large portions of kids because we have large capacity. Harris lost enrollment, for example, but still serves many students.

Q: Do we know what standards the district is using to determine when a school would close?  
Could we see that information at a future meeting?

A: Criteria for closings has not been decided yet. Utilization is the biggest factor. District is in the process of determining how utilization is calculated.

Action item: Contact legislature regarding school funding bills. It's an important session for school funding this year.

### **7. Willis Hunt, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church**

Church has moved as they have outgrown their space. They are in contract to sell and they need to sell as we have moved to their new facility. Need the funds from their existing church to support their new property. It's been labeled as zone, mixed use. They would like support from the neighborhood to sell. Willis met with Contact Team at the last meeting and they will meet with them again on Monday. Will celebrate 120th Anniversary in April. They'd like for the windows of the church to be preserved. Buyer is considering 350 units. Rick Krivoniak moved, "With sadness, we move to support Mt. Sinai's request for demolition at 5900 Cameron Road.". Motion was seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

### **8. Kimberly Hart, Austin Animal Services, Outreach and Education**

Austin Animal Services help people be more successful pet owners.

Prevent animal homelessness and promote humane, compassionate treatment of animals by:

\*enforcing animal regulations

\*providing a safety net for lost or homeless animals

\*achieving live outcomes for at least 90% of sheltered pets

Austin the largest no-kill facility in the United States.

*Address:* Austin Animal Center, 7201 Levander Loop, Building A, 78702

*Phone:* 3-1-1

*Hours:* Monday-Sunday (11 am-7 pm)

In 2018: they housed 16,026 cats and dogs

Live outcome rate: 97.69%

If you have been bitten by an animal: call 3-1-1

### **9. Gabriel Ransenberg: Windsor Park Library**

Reopened since renovation in November. Almost have full staffing.

1st Saturday of the month: family film

3 story times a week for kids: Tuesday pm, Thursday and Friday am

Lego Labs for kids

Recently formed In Between Book Club

Women's History Month: A special flyer with events for all the libraries in the month

"League of Their Own" will be shown at WP Library, photo booth to make your own baseball card

Computer Classes for Adults: Microsoft Word classes, Mango Languages training if you want to learn a new language, Microsoft Excel classes

Adult Board Game Night with Snacks and Refreshments

Over 100 respondents from the survey of the neighborhood and will look toward implementing these new programs requested through survey

Adult Book Club on Tuesday Nights: "Meg, Jo, Beth & Amy" is the book club title for this month

#### **10. Climate Change Resolution: Martin Luecke**

Martin acknowledge those who have participated in developing a climate change resolution for the WPNA to support. A draft of the resolution was shared and discussed. The members of the committee will gather again to revise the draft to bring back to the membership at a future meeting. Martin hopes to present this resolution to the ANC once it's finalized.

#### **11. Audit Committee: Sheryl Cheatham**

Sheryl shared the audit committee procedures. She thanked all those involved, specifically Meg Brooks for putting all the information into QuickBooks. Dan Strub was present for the audit process as an observer. One outstanding check remained from the past. Meg is in the process of reaching out to that organization to determine next steps. All other information was current and correct. The full report was distributed at the March WPNA meeting. The committee agreed that moving forward, a quarterly audient would be performed and reported to the membership. The committee made several recommendations for 2019. These recommendations can be found in the official report. All respective responsibilities were met and that in accordance to the task in which they were selected, all financial records were properly recorded. Thank you to the audit committee: Sheryl Cheatham, Rebecca Carpenter and Alana Carpenter.

#### **12. Committee Reports**

##### ***A. Know Your Neighbor: Chandler Brooks & Dan Strub***

Help us increase membership in the WPNA. More details in the March newsletter. Participants have the chance to win free groceries at HEB!

##### ***B. Revitalization: Jackie Brooks***

Wants and Needs Survey is now in Spanish

Would like more participation, survey is open through the end of March

##### ***C. Contact Team: Jackie Brooks***

Discussing the neighborhood plan and implementation chart for capital improvement projects, most likely will speak about these at the Contact Team. 6:30 pm, second Monday of the month

##### ***D. Parks: Jeanette Swenson***

Thank you to all the volunteers at It's My Park Day! Two successful park projects at Pommerlau and Barthlomew. Another opening of the Pomerleau Park soon during bluebonnet season .

More details soon. Looking for donations for the playscape shades for Bartholomew.

#### **13. Closing Announcements/Adjournment**

Rick Krivoniak: 11th Anniversary of Knomad. Party going on today!

Thank you Pastor Cynthia for helping us set up today.

Motion to adjourn, all in favor: meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.