



Karen Breen-Bondie, President
Carol Frederick, Vice President
Michelle Delacourt, Second Vice President
Darcey McLaughlin, Secretary
Katrina Collins, Treasurer

Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2009

A call to order was made by President Karen Breen-Bondie at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held at the Ferndale Historical Society.

Present: See sign in sheet.

Vice President's Report: Bill Frederick is taking stock of current luminary supplies on hand and will purchase what is needed. Deliveries will be made sometime the weekend before Christmas Eve. A rain policy was discussed because last year's weather was so terrible the candles could not be lit. Block Directors should decide and communicate to their neighbors if there is rain to light the luminaries the following day instead.

Second Vice President's Report: none.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the April 21, 2009 meeting, presented by Darcey McLaughlin were discussed. Scott Helmer suggested checking on the City's current bond rating stated by the Mayor in the minutes. Darcey to e:Mail Mayor Covey and report at next meeting whether correct.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Katrina Collins stated that there is currently \$2,803.36 in the bank. There is a \$20 fee to the State of Michigan due. Treasurer Collins reminded directors to double-check who the checks are made out to when they do their collections as some are written out to the Directors instead of WPIA.

Block Directors present took turns informing the group present of their various activities. Upper Woodland has a new block director – Kerry Keener. Lower Oakridge also has a new director: Jessica Guskey. All Directors stated that they are currently collecting or plan to start collecting dues shortly.

President Breen-Bondie informed the group that the Bylaws Committee has not yet met. They plan to meet prior to the next meeting.

Snow Removal Bids were presented by Scott Helmer. Prices varied widely. Darcey McLaughlin made a motion to accept the bid of CJ Rasch for \$800 a month from December 15 through March 15 and was seconded by Katrina Collins. The vote passed unanimously. In addition, discussion of a dues increase from \$15 to \$20 was entertained. Many in the group felt that because of the current economy and the fact that snow removal services were not provided last year, that the dues should not be increased this year. No motion was made so therefore no vote. Increasing dues will be discussed again after this Winter season and services resume. A neighborhood Garage Sale could take place this May. If so, notice will come from VP Carol Frederick in late February. Our Beautification Awards were discussed. The group felt that since there was now a fund balance and we could afford to reinstate the Award. In addition – one award remains outstanding which the group felt should be ordered. Garry Andrews volunteered to look into new pricing from the company the Ferndale Historical Museum uses and he will report back to the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Next meeting TBD.