



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

Annual Meeting Minutes Monday, March 28, 2011

A **call to order** was made by President Karen Breen-Bondie at 7:04 pm. The meeting was held at Roosevelt Elementary School in the Media Center.

Present: See sign in sheet. A quorum was present.

Guest Speaker: Police Chief Tim Collins. Chief Collins updated those present on the state of the City and the Police Dept. Because of current budget constraints, the City has lost officers for the first time. However, Chief Collins noted that crime is stable in the City and went through some statistics. Chief Collins noted that a Neighborhood organization such as ours is different than a Neighborhood Watch group. He indicated that although our area does not have a current neighborhood watch group – that neighbors are really very good about calling the Police when they witness or suspect illegal activity. Chief Collins also informed the group that the Animal Control officer and department would be loss, but offered the good news that he believed that the County of Oakland would be providing those loss services at no extra cost to the City. There is an upcoming vote on a Headley override for the City and Chief Collins encouraged all present to please look at all the information carefully prior to making a decision on whether or not to support it. There is a lot of information on the Oakland County website. The City is currently preparing for 15-20% reductions because of budget constraints. Chief Collins presented until 7:36 pm.

Annual Election: Nominating Committee Co-Chairs Darcey McLaughlin and Tiffani Gagne presented the slate for the board and block directors up for election this year. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate consisted of the following: President, Garry Andrews and Darcey McLaughlin. Vice President, Stacey Helmer and Deb Sobolewski. Block Directors were: Upper Oakridge – Deb Sobolewski; Lower Oakridge – Jessica Gustke; Upper Woodland – Kerry Keener; Lower Woodland – Tiffani Gagne; Lower Lewiston – Scott Helmer. The candidates present were asked to present their background to the group. The nominating Co-chairs counted the ballots. Secretary Darcey McLaughlin reported that the Block Directors were unanimously voted in favor and that she had won the President seat and Stacey Helmer had won the Vice President seat.

President's Report: Among other business, Karen Breen-Bondie thanked everyone for their support over the past 8 years.

Vice President's Report: Carol Frederick also thanked everyone for their support over the years and gave a brief update. Luminaries provided by her husband Bill were wonderful this year and no block sale is scheduled at this time.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the prior meeting of November 4, 2010 were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina Collins presented and informed the group that all bills have been paid to date and that the group currently has \$3,750.00 in its account. She also reviewed the dues collection analysis and proposed budget for next year. No changes were made.

Bylaws Review: The Bylaws Committee consisting of Pat Dengate, Tom King, Carol Frederick & Tiffani Gagné presented the bylaws changes and answered all questions to the satisfaction of

the group. A motion to accept the proposed changes was made by Scott Helmer and seconded by Ruth Nybach. The motion passed.

Block Director Updates: There were no updates given.

Elections: There were no updates given.

Old Business:

Snow Plowing Services: Many expressed some displeasure with the quality of the snow removal services this year and many people agreed that there was just too much snow this year and that we certainly got our money's worth from the contractor. Everyone seemed to agree that the blade riding behind a tractor is not the optimal tool for use in our neighborhood. The Snow Removal Committee will be reinstated and present a new plan for next year. Snow services were approximately \$3500.00 this year. Diane Dengate motioned to form committee again and Scott Helmer seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Service Recognition: Darcey McLaughlin made a motion to thank Bill Frederick on behalf of the neighborhood for his work over many years on the luminaries and also to thank Karen Breen-Bondie and Carol Frederick for all their years of service to the WPIA.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2011 was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. These minutes were taken and presented by Darcey McLaughlin.