



Darcey McLaughlin, President  
Stacy Helmer, Vice President  
Karen Breen-Bondie, Secretary  
Katrina Collins, Treasurer

## **Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

A call to order was made by President Darcey McLaughlin at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in at the Ferndale Historical Museum.

**Present:** Darcey McLaughlin, Debbie Sobolewski, Kerry Keener, Tiffani Gagne, Garry Andrews, Stacy Helmer, Katrina Collins, Pat Omans, Mike Omans, Diane Dengate, and Karen Breen-Bondie.

**Secretary's Report:** Karen Breen-Bondie presented the meeting minutes from the annual meeting on March 28, 2012. They were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katrina Collins reported that the association's bank balance is \$6,313.61. The neighborhood block sale generated an unexpected \$157.50 in revenue. There were expenses of \$167 for the block party. There were also many donations.

**President's Report:** Darcey McLaughlin thanked Tiffani Gagne and Garry Andrews regarding the block sale's outcome, stating it would be nice to have a schedule for future block sales. Tiffani said she would like the sale to go back to an 18 month schedule.

Darcey also thanked the block party co-chairs and volunteers. Co-chairs were Chris Milosovich, Katrina Collins and Diane Dengate. A suggestion for bottled water, in the future, was made.

**Vice President's Report:** None given.

### ***Old Business:***

**Snow Plowing Committee:** A request for a motion was made by Darcey to continue with same plowing contractor at the same rate. Garry so moved and Pat Omans seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.

**Dues:** Discussion ensued concerning the amount collected for annual dues (\$15). Garry Andrews motioned to keep dues at the same amount. Tiffani Gagne seconded. Motion passed with a vote in favor.

**Beautification Award:** Garry Andrews informed that the next award will be given in 2013. He suggested that the block directors select homes and that the committee will select a winner from those selections randomly out of a hat and that the winner will be announced at the block party.

### ***New Business:***

**Block Director:** Sharon King has retired as Upper West Maplehurst block director. A request was made to send her a letter thanking her for her years of service.

**Nominating Committee:** Darcey suggested that a nominating committee be formed to handle the elections for the annual meeting in March. Tiffani and Garry volunteered to co-chair.

**Correspondence:** Darcey reported that she received a letter dated September 21, 2012 from an Upper Drayton resident regarding a rat infestation. The neighbor reached out to Laura at the

DPW who was not responsive. A suggestion was made to inform the neighborhood, via newsletter, of the county-wide problem. Discussion ensued regarding developing guidelines and warnings such as dog feces, wood piles, and bird feeders being an attractor.

Suggestions for including information in the next newsletter also included trimming trees, garbage, speeding, snow plowing reminder, and parking on street during leaf removal.

Stacy Helmer will produce the handouts for the next round of dues collections, including the benefits of providing us with your email address.

**Next Meeting:** March 2013, date to be determined; location: Ferndale Public Library

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. These minutes were taken and presented by Karen Breen-Bondie.