

West Central Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2022, 7:00pm

Attendance: 12 people

- Treasurer's Report: Reviewed income and expenses for September and Year-to-Date. September includes the Home & Garden Tour expenses and income. September Income: \$23,596.68 Total YTD Income \$39,268.06. Total September Expenses: \$14,604.95 YTD Expenses: \$40,923.94. Total Assets: \$194,941.91
 - The board discussed investing in a CD to increase interest earned by the WNCA Assets. Rates are currently ~6%.
 - Motion passed to approve the Treasurer's reports.
- Membership Report: 37 new members this year! 120 total members in 2022 (amended from 119). Compared to 210 Members in 2021. 127 members didn't renew (amended from 128).
 - Motion passed to approve the membership report with amendments.
- Secretary Report: Board meeting minutes from August and October, and Associate meeting minutes from August were available for review.
 - Motion passed to approve minutes as is.
- Moody Park Updates: The Parks Department is going to be reviewing the rough draft plan to update Moody Park. The Park Commissioners will be reviewing and finalizing the plan in their December meeting, at which time it will be available to the public. This is the plan that will be used for updates if/when funds become available.
- Fall Leaf Collection schedule was reviewed. November 14th-18th is the first week for West Central leaf pickup.
- Results from 40th Annual WNCA Home & Garden Tour and ArtsFest were reviewed:
 - Feedback was positive! Attendance was higher on Saturday due to rain on Sunday.
 - Total income: \$37,698.26 (pre-sale tickets were way up this year! The Facebook ad had a huge reach!)
 - Total expenses: \$26,002.48 (similar to the past 2 years' expenses)
 - There was extra merchandise that wasn't sold at the tour. Kelly will be putting merchandise up for sale on the website!
 - Total profit: \$11,695.78 (This profit covers all of our neighborhood program expenses for the year!)
 - Changes that are being considered for next year: digitizing tickets to help with time and cost of presale tickets, increasing ticket price
 - Feedback from the meeting: there weren't enough people working as volunteers for the ticket booth and merchandise booth; there was good coverage of docent volunteers at the houses
- 2023 West Central Neighborhood Officers:
 - President (Open)
 - Vice President (Kelly Benton)
 - Treasurer (Open)

- Secretary (Bethany Pruitt)
- Membership (Kevin Rothgeb)
- **New nominations are welcome!** Please talk to your neighbors about serving on the board. Greg will help train the next Treasurer. Voting will happen at the November meeting.
 - Cindy Brandt nominated Terry Taylor for Membership.
 - You **do not** have to be an Association Member to run for a position!
 - You **do** have to be an Association Member to vote for board members!
- Other updates:
 - Electric Works Phase 2: Appears to have slowed down, but work has mostly moved inside right now. New street lights are in place at Lavina & Broadway and will be operational soon!
 - Historic Preservation Commission: Prior approval is needed to make exterior changes to homes in designated Local Historic Districts (LHD). There has been a problem with the online system to apply for Building Permits—permits for homes in LHDs are not flagged for prior approval. We are pushing for the county to fix this bug in the system. **Please help out your neighbors by making sure they know HPC approval is needed for their exterior renovations!** Contact Creager Smith: 260-427-2161 / creager.smith@cityoffortwayne.org
- Movie night review: the night was chilly which impacted turnout. Expenses were low! We will try again next year.
- Save the Date! The Christmas Party will be December 12th at Promenade Park Pavilion. This will take the place of the December Association Meeting.

Concluded: 8:08pm