

1. Roll Call

Present: Mike Nass (Pres.), Pastor Paul Schleis (Sec.), Teppie Schueller (V. Pres.), Denise Schleis (Treasurer), Laura McCoy, Laura Madigan, Dan Pagel, Mark Jackson, Trini Bielski

Excused: John Gower, Gretchen Mitchell

Visitors: Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Carol Macaux, Anna Burkhardt, Mike Bielski

2. a. Minutes

M/S/C to accept January 2003 minutes, and place on file.

b. Treasurer's Report

Denise expressed concern that the money collected for the Wine Tasting party went totally to Wine Premiere, and no food costs were covered. We could arrange a price, so that we can recover some costs for food. Also, we'll make sure that people know this is a nonrefundable event.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report, and place on file.

3. Cheryl Renier-Wigg (Neighborhood Resource Board)

- A group on the east side of Roosevelt is interested in starting their own neighborhood group. There are feelings, pro and con, around Webster, on breaking off. We're still interested in input from that side of Astor Neighborhood, and invite our neighbors to come to our functions. ANA doesn't want to spread itself too thin.
- 1013 S. Clay should be done by the end of April. 701 S. Jefferson is owned by the city. 702 S. Monroe's owner (a Realtor) wanted to turn it into a Beacon House (alternative therapy, holistic health). That would need a conditional permit, which has not been allowed previously in our neighborhood. We're not in favor.

4. Committee Reports

a. Newsletter: Trini: Our newsletter is on the web, but not yet in the mail. Meet your Neighbor, House Kudos, St. Vincent Housewalk articles needed for April meeting.

b. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday (right before Easter.), April 19, 10 AM. Hide eggs at 9 AM. Mike will get the police tape. Hot chocolate will be brought by Mike. Mon., April 14, 6:30 PM at Mark J's house for egg packing.

c. The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th with the candidate forum beginning at 6:30 PM and the meeting beginning at 7:30 PM. Mayor Jadin is invited, for a farewell. Annual treasurer's report will be available. Mayoral, County Executive, and Circuit Court candidates will be present. We'll probably ask people to write out their questions. Mike and Trini Bielski will be greeters, and gathers of e-mail addresses, and popcorn in the park helpers.

Denise is authorized to buy cookies, and take care of coffee and drinks.

d. Plaques: Trini will collect all plaque money directly, and send everything on directly to the company.

There was a suggestion to limit our new street signs to the Historic District area. We'll bring up this issue at the March 10 Annual meeting.

5. New Business

a. Laura M. provided information, concerning St. Vincent's desire to put up another ramp (four stories, 46'). St. V. would also like to close up VanBuren from Eliza to Porlier. The Fire Commission would need to look at the safety of closing the street. Some very strong concerns were expressed by a few Board members, as possible deteriorating effects on the neighborhood. Our best avenues might be to oppose closing up VanBuren, and to control height and appearances. Week of March 17 is suggested for meetings with St. V.

b. Carol Macaux, Jane Jadin, and Mike Bielski are interested in serving on the Astor Board. John Gower and Laura Madigan's terms are up. Pastor Paul and Denise Schleis are willing to continue to serve.

c. Astor rummage sale, Sat. 8AM-1PM, May 31. Hazelwood would also be interested in participating.

d. Hazelwood has Astor Historic District booklets available, and is willing to revise and reprint. We can then sell them at the concerts.

6. Meeting adjourned, 8:38 PM.

Pastor Paul D. Schleis, Secretary