

**Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Monday, February 18, 2008 - 6:00 PM
Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI**

1) ROLL CALL

Present: E. Hoyer, President; M. Van Handel, Vice President; P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; A. Higgins, Jaqueline Frank, Jesse Sharp, Jennifer Nehring
Absent, excused: R. Chronert, B. Dickey, Jennie Schwenk
Absent, unexcused: T. Bielski

2) APPROVAL OF January 2008 MINUTES

M/S/C to approve the corrected January 2008 minutes.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT/ BILLS

M/S/C to approve the February 2008 minutes.

4) INVITED GUESTS

Troy Steckenbach, Jimmy Seas/Marco's- interested in community-based gatherings, charity events. They'd be willing to offer their facilities. They aren't interested in finances as much as brainstorming, and volunteer (5-10) manpower. Troy also offered his facilities for our ANA meetings, events, etc.

Alderman Tony Theisen: The proposed Aldo Leopold sign would fall under the Historic Preservation Commission.

The boulevard on Mason, between Webster and Monroe, was a joint project between Navarino and Astor associations. There are crosswalks near Jackson and VanBuren, and more signage and striping have been requested.

Tony has also been called a few times after snow falls. Green Bay will plow if there is 2" or more at a time. Green Bay has been plowed 13 times, more than double last year's times. Green Bay does not use salt on the side streets.

Officer Brian Schilt: 600 block S. Madison, drug search warrant

CSIs: none present

5) EVENTS

Wine Tasting Recap: went well, and people seemed to enjoy it. Andrew distributed a budget. We made about \$400 less than we expected, due to the higher cost of the wines selected, and a little higher costs for hors d'oeuvres. We felt we had more food this year than last year, and people were satisfied. 10 less paid than we expected, due to having more donors and volunteers, which we gave free admission. Still, we made \$171.39!

M/S/C that ANA give \$328.61, in addition to the \$171.39, to Howe Resource center.

Annual Meeting (Mon., March 17th) at First Lutheran, 743 S. Monroe Ave. Pastor and Denise Schleis will again take care of set up and clean up. Brittany will take care of ice cream. We'll invite Alderman Theisen, as well as Mayor Schmitt, to address the people.

Easter Egg Hunt (Sat., March 22nd) Astor Park, 10 AM. Jennie will host the egg stuffing, 6 PM, Fri., March 21. We'd like to have people recycle the eggs.

Fox River trail Cleaning (proposed date: Sat., April 19th). 9:30 AM. Brittany is the contact person.

Garage Sale (proposed date: Sat., May 31).

Popcorn in the Park: perhaps the biggest event ANA hosts, but very worthwhile.

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Popcorn Machine cleaning: we asked for an estimate, and they guessed 1.5 hr. of labor, at ca. \$150. Instead, they sent us a bill, for three hours of labor, at \$273. We'll pay the bill.

628 S. Monroe Ave., being converted into condos.

Flier: Annual Meeting and Easter Egg Hunt, out by 1st week of March. Newsletter will also be coming about the same time.

Article in Green Bay Press Gazette (March 10th, 2008): We'll be able to have plenty of information, as listed in these minutes

Astor Book: Erik Hoyer has been contacted by a company, which makes up books on neighborhoods. About 120 pages. We're interested, but need to check out the paperwork. We'd need someone who would be interested in spending all the time needed.

Erik Hoyer distributed a proposed article, for the first newsletter of our year, an article of *Twelve Ways to Improve Your Neighborhood*, and an Action Plan from Mike Troyer's work with us a few months ago.

6) OPEN FORUM: the Executive committee is elected at the April 2008 meeting. Erik Hoyer is retiring from the ANA Board, but we think can we can talk him into coming back in the future. We thank him for all his work with us, and on our behalf. The Board then talked about future leadership and projects, and who will organize the future newsletters.

7) ADJOURN, 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17 at 6 pm, First Ev. Lutheran Church, 743 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay. A short, half hour meeting before the annual meeting for the entire neighborhood begins at 6:30 PM.