

ASTOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION      BOARD MEETING   August 18, 2003  
6:00 PM

1. Roll Call: Present: Teppie Schueller (Pres.), Trini Bielski (V. Pres.), Pastor Paul Schleis (Sec.), Laura McCoy, Gretchen Mitchell, Kelly Schumacher, Jane Jadin, Mike Nass, Carol Macaux, Dan Pagel, Mike Bielski

Absent (excused): Denise Schleis (Treasurer), Maria Milano.

Visitors: Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Erik Hoyer (newsletter), Mike Vanhandel (new neighbor)

2.a. Treasurer's Report:      Motion made, second, and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

b. Secretary's Report:      Motion made, second, and carried to accept the July 2003 report.

3. City Update:

a. Alderman Theisen: not present.

b. County Supervisor Gower: not present.

c. Cheryl Renier-Wigg:

The city has an accepted offer on 416 Cass, but there's a freeze on funding, so the purchase of this property is up in the air. The city is still working to try to get the entire corner.

There had been some recent vandalism on the St. James Park shelter, by minors in the neighborhood.

d. Officers Hansford and Tyler: not present.

4. Guests:

5. Event Reports

a. Popcorn in the park: Had gone well. What about the leftovers? Give away/sell at the September 02 potluck.

b. Movie nights: Had also gone well. Last movie tomorrow night, August 19.

c. Summer Potluck: Sept. 02, St. James Park, 5:30 PM. Schleis' will bring chicken. Laura McCoy and Teppie are handling other details.

d. Fall Fox River Clean up: Sat., October 25, 9:30 AM.

e. Wine Tasting: Fri., January 23, 2004. Theresa, from Wine Premiere claims to have lost money the last two years, and cannot lose money anymore. \$25.00/couple for the Wine Premiere would cover their costs. What we collect has never gone for food costs, which ANA has covered. There was discussion about Wine Premiere costs, in a wine tasting event. Mike will talk to her, to encourage any selling of sampled wine that night. We'll also check out a new local food caterer, Kreative Caterer.

Motion made, second, carried to charge \$25.00 per couple/\$12.50 per person, for Wine Premiere.

## 6. Communication

- a. Flyers: recent Potluck, Trail Cleaning, St. Vincent ramp looked good.
- b. Newsletter: Trini needs "Meet Your Neighbor (Jeff & Robin Smet) (Mike Nass), "House Kudos Jane)," "E Store (Teppie), "Neighborhood Trivia (Mike B.), other articles by October 20 meeting.

Erik felt comfortable in taking over from John Corpus.

## 7. Ongoing projects

- a. Street Sign Project: Two other city groups are getting signs, so we should be able get them at a better price. Since we'll have new poles, the city won't get them done until spring 2004.

Let the minutes also show that our own Jane Jadin deweeded the boulevard, and the new Astor Sign!

- b. Hospital corridor/Parking issues/St. V. Ramp: Teppie The City reviewed St. Vincent's proposal, and found some "professional differences." St. Vincent and Bellin are asked to widen the study.

- c. Carolyn Barnard prints: Pastor Schleis gave a preliminary report, off of checkbook records of received checks, either from Carolyn herself (she kept her half), or checks we received from people themselves (we owe her 1/2). Mike Nass will follow up.

- d. Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council: MNLC is an advisory board to the Mayor. Neither NHS nor MNLC are funded by the city budget.

We were awarded \$2000 from NHS, via MNLC, for painting the St. James Park shelter with a historic house. Neighbor's input, and placement (what about the bushes?) are vital. Naomi Jenkins is interested in doing the painting. Teppie will organize a neighborhood meeting, for this input. We'll also need approval from the Park Committee.

## 8. New Business

- a. Astor Company Store: Kurt is still setting it up. Suggestions were to have all the colors of clothes shown, the appearance and location of the Astor logo, and shipping and tax costs in the order. All orders will come through Teppie, and then to Kurt.

B. Teppie had just received a lengthy survey, about neighborhood needs and vision. She'll give the survey appropriate action.

## 9. Adjourn, 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary