

Astor Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes December 10, 2012

1. Roll Call

Present: A. Rosendahl, President; M. Martzke, Vice President; S. Heverly; J. Danen; S. Wall; K. Houle; J. Challe

Absent (excused): Pastor Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: County Supervisor E. Hoyer; neighbors Denis Sprague; Aaron & Erica Smits

2. a. October 2012 meeting minutes

b. Treasurer's Report / Bills

M/S/C to approve the October 2012 minutes. The treasurer's report was tabled.

3. Announcements and Committee Reports

a. Nuisance properties –

K. Houle – garbage cans were left out. Alderman DeWayne said that the house was fined.

Blue house on corner of Cass Street – color is hideous but there is nothing we can do with it.

b. Newsletter – due date – early January 2013

4. Old Business

a. Luminaries – sold 36 kits/ 66 left

\$299.72 – total cost

\$180.00 – income so far

- Great response so far, especially from bus tour – neighborhood was hit of the tour! Need to make plans for next year for sure. Molly will make sure she gets us more info. Before the tour next year!
- We will add luminaries for Christmas Eve next year.

b. Monroe Christmas lights – will turn off now because they keep tripping. Andy will look into having the city electricians look at it. Skip will maintain the lights if they get fixed.

c. GBNLC – Astor won the Outstanding Communication award and \$500. Will make sure we nominate ourselves for the other awards next year.

d. Community Garden – Sue Schwartz from Aldo wants to partner with or get support from the association. Jaime will invite her to the next meeting.

5. New Business / Open Forum

a. Wine Testing

Katie Higgins is done with organizing.
Sara Wall, Katie Houle, Molly Martzke – will co-chair
Looking to have on first weekend in March
Skip will ask the Schweissows if we can host the wine tasting at their homes.

b. Multi-cultural Festival

July 30 or 27th
Andy is looking for someone to work with the organizing group and Peter Kellog

c. Audit

Molly will audit the association's books.

d. Investing money

Justin will look at the benefits/costs of diversifying our "investments" and what options we have.

e. Drs. In Recital – January 19th – Skip was encouraging everyone to come to it as he is emceeing.

Meeting adjourned, for snacks and socializing, PM.

Jaime Dane, secretary pro tem.