Minutes

Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., February 17, 2014 – 6:00 PM First Evangelical Lutheran Church – 743 S Monroe Ave

1. Roll Call

Present: Andy Rosendahl, President; Molly Martzke, Vice President; Pastor Paul Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; Skip Heverly, Sara Wall, Katie Houle, Kevin Vonck, Tina Ryback, Jennifer Lenz

Absent (excused): Justin Challe

2. Invited Guests

Officer Paul Van Handel, Ald. Tim DeWane (absent), County Supervisor Erik Hoyer Travis Lipsh, principal at Washington Middle School Mike Stangel, director of GB School facilities

3a. Approval of Meeting minutes – January 2014

M/S/C to approve the January 2014 minutes.

3b. Treasurer's Report / Bills: no change from January.

4. Announcements and Committee Reports

a. April 1 vote. Mike spoke about the GB public school referendum fact sheets. Last referendum was 2010, for facility projects and technology. \$16.7 million total. Board has increased annual maintenance budget to \$3.5 million.

The new referendum is intended for needed capital improvement. HVAC (heating, ventilation, AC), lighting, flooring, windows, security, plumbing.

Travis talked about year-round classes at Washington Middle School. \$6.7 million proposed. School built in 1930s. AC needed/desired for air quality, security upgrade, fine arts upgrade.

Franklin Middle School, \$7.2 million proposed. Also four Elementary Schools, \$8.2 million, for HVAC and renovation. Total GB referendum of \$20 million proposed.

Mike felt that, when GB district was capped (1993) significantly less than state average, we don't have the funds that Madison has. Also, felt that GB needs to keep its fund balance (presently \$41.4 million), to pay bills while state aid is coming.

Questions were asked about discounts from contractors, long-term projects at the schools, claim of no tax increase (due to other levies ending), desire for local companies doing the work.

Also, Mike mentioned that the school on Monroe (formerly St. Vincent Children Center, across from the Cathedral) will have bids for work soon, to be used in August 2014. Hoping for 200 students (gifted and talented). More window replacement at Aldo.

b. Update from Officer Paul Van Handel: chronic nuisance at 600 block of S. Madison, on abatement program. No problems lately. 600 block of S. Jefferson also being watched.

- c. Update from County Supervisor Hoyer: some issues with benefits for officers working in correction. Brown Co. would like to give them better benefits. Primary voting Feb. 16.
- d. Astor Outlook newsletter (Kevin): online version looks great. Need printed copies four times a year, and be willing to pay if needed. About \$1300 for costs last year. Kevin is willing to shop for companies that will get out our newsletters in a timely manner. Dates for printed: March, June, Sept., December.

5. Old Business

- a. Wine Tasting Recap (Molly): great job! Not all the bills yet. 56 pd registrations. \$500 on silent auction. Total receipts = about \$2000, about \$1000 profit. Great hosts.

 M/S/C to donate \$1000 to Howe Neighborhood Resource Center.
- b. Astor Logo (Jennifer): a friend does graphics for Starry billboards. Jennifer will get us some numbers, estimating around \$200.
- c. Homeless Day Shelter, HOPE team: Officer Van Handel reported. Wanted to file for a conditional use permit (cup) temporarily (1-3 years), instead of re-zoning issues. Forum in the neighborhood might be welcomed. Questions about limited funding, grant process, awareness of the neighborhood. St. John evening homeless shelter closes April 01. Job Center at 701 Cherry St. was considered, but they pulled out at the last minute.

Strong feeling from the ANA board to have a neighborhood forum and information, before an official planning meeting and decision. We suggest our April 14 annual mtg., or something in March if needed. The ANA board will watch for an email response from Officer Van Handel.

- d. House Year Plaques (Tina): we looked over the quote for the historic plaques. About \$185 ea, less if more plaques at the same time. Tina will collect names and addresses, the ANA treasurer would handle all money in and out.
- e. Annual Meeting Planning (Andy & All): moved to Mon. April 14. Still at First Lutheran, 743 S. Monroe Ave. Pastor Schleis will arrange for root beer and chili from Titletown.

NOTE: Since the HOPE team could come on March 10 for an open forum, we moved our monthly and annual meeting to Mon., March 10.

Adjourn, 7:35pm

Our next ANA Board Meeting will be Mon., March 10, 2014, 6 PM First Ev. Lutheran Church 743 S. Monroe Ave. Green Bay

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul Schleis secretary/treasurer