

## **Minutes**

**Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., November 19 - 6:00 PM.**  
**Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI**

**1) ROLL CALL**

Present: E. Hoyer, President; P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; A. Higgins, B. Dickey, M. Van Handel, Jennifer Nehring, Jaqueline Frank, Jesse Sharp  
Absent, unexcused: R. Chronert, T. Bielski, Jennie Schwenk  
Guests: Dave and Eileen Littig (721 of s. Quincy)

**2) MINUTES:** Pastor P. Schleis

*M/S/C to approve the minutes of the October 2007 ANA Board meeting as corrected.*

**3) TREASURER'S REPORT/ BILLS:** Pastor P. Schleis

Pastor Schleis reported that he closed out the Money Market account, and put that money, along with some from our checking account, into a 7 mo. CD, at 4.6% interest.

*M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report for November 2007.*

**4) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Popcorn Machine cleaning: no report
- b. Fox River Clean Up – October 20<sup>th</sup>. Brittany reported that the East HS environmental club cleaned quickly, and then left. There were new people for cleaning, and did a great, thorough job.
- c. Welcome Committee: no report
- d. Easter egg hunt: no report
- e. Newsletter: to be done next week. Mike VanHandel handles (pun intended!) the advertising.
- f. Wine Tasting: Andrew Higgins: January 26, 2008. 7 PM. Four host homes are being contacted. Howe Resource Center is happy to be considered as a recipient of a portion of any profits. Wine Styles will again be used for refreshments. New Zealand, Germany, and Chile are the theme countries. Andrew showed some paperwork from last year's budget, and hopes to keep things similar.

**5) INVITED GUEST:** Officer Ken Gehm, Alderman Tony Theisen, Community Officer Schilt, CSIs Tom Conley (veteran) and Jodi Peters (training), 448-3144.

- a. Alderman Tony Theisen spoke about the volunteer speed watch. He also spoke about speed bumps. Tony was asked about the possibility of more light on S. Quincy St, perhaps lamps near the sidewalks. A tall street light above the trees does not give as much light to the walkers. Tony mentioned that there is a process that is followed. The 800 block of Crooks St. was given as an example of sidewalk lights.
- b. Officer Ken Gehm, 448-3171, director of GB Police crime prevention. Usually, radar or laser actually shows a slower speed than actual. The ornamental lighting on S. Monroe is a good example of neighborhood lighting. Ken spoke about elements of crime and crime prevention: *Desire* (I want it, so I'll take it) is dealt with in the schools, with DARE and life skills; *Ability* (I can do it) is dealt with by arrests, parole, structured living; *Opportunity* is dealt with best by locking up doors and buildings, more lighting,

and neighbors acting. We can check main city web page, go to neighborhoods, then go to police service calls for a particular area.

There are thefts in cars in all the hospital lots, even during daytime. Hospital security patrols with a marked van. Thefts are often of visible items, such as cell phones, or (apparent) purses. People will also steal others license plates, and put them on cars that are involved in illegal activities.

The Astor Neighborhood does do a good job with neighborhood watches, and more are encouraged. There are about 300 watches in the city.

Officer Gehm showed a device that automatically turns on and off lights at sunrise and sunset, depending upon your geographical locations. Cost is about \$35.00. Smarthome.com gives good ideas. Officer Gehm also showed a key vault

c. Community Officer Schilt talked about his work. He feels this is a good neighborhood. The break-ins and attempts do happen, and it's hard to come up with specific suspects. While the city is growing, the police numbers haven't increased. Deadbolts on the doors are strongly suggested. Officer Schilt tries to drive through slowly, once or twice a night, usually 2:15-10:45 PM.

Dave and Eileen Littig (721 block of S. Quincy) mentioned a back yard break-in attempt on Wed., Nov. 14. The Bronners, on about 718 S. Quincy, have mentioned a recent break-in attempt. We have a great neighborhood, with young families moving in, and we don't want a climate of fear. There are some homes for sale, but usually that means that there's little of value there to steal. Somebody gone for a few weeks can call the police, for extra police watch.

Officer Schilt talked about the St. John Homeless Shelter, S. Jefferson, issues. Lighting is being added, as well as a security guard. Proper identification of the people staying there is being stressed. Mary Marks is in charge of the St. John Homeless Shelter. Attendance has jumped up to 19 recently presently. Some problem areas on the corner of Chicago and Monroe.

d. Littigs were welcomed. They bring a suggestion to bring more lighting to our neighborhood with street lamps, styled after the historic character of the ANA. WI Historic Society Division of Historic Preservation can provide information about possible tax breaks. The MNLC might have grant moneys also available. When Monroe was widened years ago, some lamps were added. Dave Littig would be interested in heading up an *ad hoc* committee to check on more neighborhood street lighting.

## **6) Open Forum**

- a. 2008 Board Retirements: if you are planning to do so, please contact Erik.
- b. Safety and Historical Preservation: more information coming in the future.
- c. Starting December 01, we encourage luminaries.

## **7) ADJOURN, 7: 15 PM**

**Next meeting, Mon. December 17, 6:00 PM, at Jimmy Seas.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary/treasurer*