

Minutes

**Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., October 15 - 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; Jennie Schwenk, Jesse Sharp, Jaqueline Frank, Jennifer Nehring

Absent, excused: A. Higgins, R. Chronert, T. Bielski

Absent, unexcused: M. Van Handel, B. Dickey

Guests: Paul (902 Madison), Mike Troyer

2) MINUTES: Pastor P. Schleis

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the September 2007 ANA Board meeting.

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

Pastor Schleis also reported on the low interest rate we are presently getting on the Money Market acct., the rates on 3 mo. and 6 mo. CDs at Associated Bank, and the average daily balance of both our checking and Money Market accounts for the past three years.

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

M/S/C to instruct Pastor Schleis to roll about ½ of our moneys (both checking and Money Market) into a 6 mo. CD.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Popcorn Machine cleaning: no report

Fox River Clean Up – October 20th

Welcome Committee: Jennie Schwenk reported on her plans to approach local businesses for donations for a “welcome Tote” for newcomers in our neighborhood. Jennie would need an ANA logo, for printing purposes. Jennie was thanked, and encouraged to continue her plans.

Easter egg hunt: starting next year, the Easter egg hunt will be a joint project of the Astor Neighborhood, and the Astor Easter River Associations. In even (i.e. 2008) years, the hunt will be held at Astor Park. In odd (i.e. 2009) years, the hunt will be held at St. James park. The next Easter egg hunt will be on March 22, 2008, with the Easter egg “stuffing” on Tues., March 18, 2008, at the Jennie and Charles Schwenk home. Jennie also presented options on the purchase of an Easter bunny costume.

M/S/C to purchase an Easter bunny costume. Jennie will work out the details.

Newsletter: no report

Wine Tasting: Jennie Schwenk reported on a Germany/Chile/New Zealand theme. The same successful format is planned as last year's. Katie is checking on host homes. A flyer should be out by late November. The date planned for the Wine Tasting is January 26, 2008.

5) INVITED GUEST

Mike Troyer, who works through the mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council, was introduced. Mike helps neighborhood associations with training, and planning. His process is for a 12 mo. or more plan, subject to change.

- The ANA mission statement was read and discussed. "Preservation" was a key concept.
- The ANA was asked what we'd like to see, five years from now:
 - A. more people a part of, and enjoying neighborhood events
 - B. program to help cohesion
 - C. diversity
 - D. balance of progress (value) and preservation of historic value
- The ANA Board was then given sticky notes, and any ideas or goals we had were to be written on those sticky notes. Those notes were then organized by the Board members, into topics, and then those topics were ranked, as far as priorities.

The # 1 priority was Historical Protection:

- prevent McMansions
- retain historic integrity of existing homes
- develop resources (perhaps lectures, references) to help people maintain their historic home
- be knowledgeable and reasonable about City initiatives

The # 2 priority was Social Involvement:

- educate to lead residents to ask for help

The # 3a priority was Neighborhood Safety:

- promote the Porch light initiative
- invite neighborhood watch leaders

The # 3b priority was Neighborhood Physical Improvement:

- sidewalks

Mike Troyer and his assistant will collate all the sticky notes and discussion of the evening, and put together a plan based off that input, for a future ANA meeting.

6) ADJOURN, 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary/treasurer