

RGNA NOTES from Meeting on January 28, 2010

RGNA President, Bill Hacker, called to order this board meeting, which began at 7:30 p.m.

Janet Gross presented Secretary's report; minutes can be found online for the last meeting held November 4, 2009.

2010 Events discussed include :

May: Tudor Houses - Walking Tour

June: Neighborhood-wide yard sale (first weekend)

June or July: Neighborhood Valley Vivaldi Event

July or August: Neighborhood Muhlenberg Theater Night

September: Picnic with Concert

October: Plant Auctions

Tom Skeans volunteered to make an RGNA Facebook page.

Brian Sherry will be contacted regarding his request to oversee and be a co-CHAIR with Catherine Deboeser of all block captains (20). Also, we should let Catherine or Brian know when any new family has moved into the neighborhood as well as encourage their membership to RGNA!

Minutes were approved and passed by all in attendance.

TREASURER'S Report given by Arjana Etchason told that we have approximately \$955.00 in our account as of January 28th with 35 members paying their 2010 annual dues to date.

Door hangers were discussed for informing neighborhood of membership, 2010 dues and committees to join. Volunteers will distribute them. Neighbors will be asked to include their email and contact information on their registration form.

Walks and organized health activities in Rose Garden Park were discussed to take place once paved areas are complete for Health and Fitness!

PA SINFONIA orchestra is going to have a mini series to offer our neighborhood as an event. Catherine Deboeser will head this as she is the executive director for the PA Sinfonia. Our new neighbors from Australia, Pamela and Kenneth Burton, will be hosting a PA Sinfonia fundraiser event over the weekend of June 12 or 20th. Confirmation will follow. Also, Allentown Symphony members will be scheduled to play for park events....such as the band, "Flutations", and a 5-piece recorder concert. Catherine is working with the music union of Allentown for dates/rain dates.

The Allentown Art Museum is having their 2010 Show House in our neighborhood! It is being held from May 3-23 and is at ROSE HILL, 222 North 28th Street. It promises to be a great show house. This house was built in 1928-29 and was the Morning Call Newspaper's spec home, which at the time used local tradesmen. Much history, refreshed interior design and gorgeous landscaping will be there to be admired. Board Member and neighbor, Kathleen Forte's new landscape design company, "BUDS", will be showcasing a garden area for this Show Home as well.

RGNA gets City of Allentown information such as council meetings of all neighborhood associations in our area as well. i.e. crime information as it happens. The Outreach of Crime Information has been given to Tom Skeans.

The HISTORY/ARCHITECTURAL Committee report given by Amy Scalici included information about a video given to Facebook to view for house information of the era of Frank Chiles, Jr. and Sullivan, an architecture firm from the 1930's

A late spring walking tour will be announced for May or June in our neighborhood. The homes on the tour will be Tudor in style.

CRIME WATCH Committee (Tom Skeans) had no report to give.

The GARDEN/LANDSCAPE Committee report given by Becky Bowen included information about the Rose Garden's Riparian Buffer date that occurred in the late fall. The committee is also working on obtaining a new fountain to replace the little girl and boy one, which is beyond repair. An independent appeal will be put into effect for funding this new fountain with a plaque from the Rose Garden Neighborhood Association. A 3-tiered

design, similar to the one in West Park is the design currently being investigated.

Jim Steffie, of FRIENDS of the PARKS, is stepping down and RGNA is recruiting volunteer help for pruning roses, etc on weekends with guidance.

A fun event was discussed which is tentatively named, Luminaria Night. Homes would display lights during December, such as candles, which are used as a symbol to envelop all faiths. Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the next scheduled meeting to be March 2nd.