

Rose Garden Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Minutes
May 20, 2009

The RGNA Steering Committee met at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 20 in Catherine's lovely garden. Present were Catherine, Arjana, Janet, Bill, and Amy.

Amy spoke for the History/Architecture Committee. They are planning a self-guided walking tour of the first 10 houses built in our neighborhood. The tour will not go inside the houses, but the owners will be informed. The committee will have docents at each house. Proposed date is either Sunday, September 20 or Sunday, September 27. The contractor list should be ready in June.

Arjana gave the treasurer and membership report. She has 2 checks for deposit and 2 new members. We have \$947 on account and 61 paid members. We have been officially established as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. Steering authorized payment of \$348.72 to Gross McGinley for Jack Gross's legal work in applying for our non-profit status. We do not yet have a tax id, but Janet will ask Jack to apply for that as well. Our committee membership list needs to be revised to reflect the actual attendance of people at the various member committees.

Bill, for Park & Garden, said that there was a committee meeting scheduled for May 26 at Kathleen's.

Catherine suggested collaboration with other groups, specifically the Sinfonia. As such, she will try to organize wine & cheese nights in the gazebo with some entertainment. We will try to have a June classical concert and a jazz concert on Friday, August 21. Suggested donation will be \$10/couple for these concerts.

Janet suggested an event at Muhlenberg College. The group agreed to a Muhlenberg Neighbors' night, with cocktails outside at Amy's and then attending the musical "Forever Plaid". Scheduled date is Thursday, July 23.

Speaking for Communications/Advocacy, Janet said that she still needs to update the website with some FAQ's about weddings in the Rose Garden, as this is a frequent e-mail request. Also, we still need a Block Captain chair and an active chair of the Crime Watch committee. She will ask Dave Olson about being the Block Captain chair and send an e-mail blast requesting a Crime Watch chair, after first talking to the current co-chairs, Tom Skeans and Steve Haymon.

Bill suggested we have one event per committee per year. We need another membership drive, perhaps this should be done via the block captains.

Jack Gross should be invited to attend the next steering committee meeting.

The next neighborhood picnic and plant exchange will be on Sunday, September 13.

PLANNED EVENTS:

June: Wine and cheese social with classical music at the gazebo. Date to be firmed up.

Jul 23: Cocktails at Amy's, attend Forever Plaid at Muhlenberg.

Aug 21: Jazz wine and cheese social at the gazebo.

Sep 13: Neighborhood picnic and plant exchange at the pavilion.

Sep 20 or 27: Walking tour of the 10 oldest homes

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy: Finalize a date for the walking tour (9/20 or 9/27) and forward the contractor's list to Janet.

Arjana: Send check to Gross McGinley, clean up committee lists and forward to Janet.

Catherine: Find musicians for the wine & cheese socials. Finalize the June date.

Janet: Contact Jack Gross about our tax id, put some wedding FAQ's on the website, contact Dave Olson about Block Captain chair, contact Steve Haymon & Tom Skeans before the e-mail blast for a crime watch chair. Contact Muhlenberg about group tickets to Forever Plaid.