

WTNA Quarterly General Meeting: 6.1.17

Draft Minutes

Location: Erie Baptist Church: 2201 W. Erie St.

Time: 6:30-7:30

Attendance: 25 people

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Board members present: Liz Tomka (President), Tiffany Keane (Vice President), Kyle O'Connor (Treasurer), Georgia Burke (Recording Secretary)

President:

- Introductions and review of the agenda.
- In the interest of time and because the draft minutes from the January meeting were sent to the member list following the meeting, a request of any changes by those in attendance was made. There were no changes. Tiffany voted to approve the minutes. Liz seconded the vote.

Treasurer:

- We currently have \$873 in the bank account.
- We have received a \$100 reimbursement from Alderman Moreno for the Clean & Green expenses.
- We are looking for an increase in membership and membership renewals

Presentations:

West Town Chamber of Commerce (Represented by Kate McKenna: Director of Outreach)

- Website: www.westtownchamber.org
- WTCC is a 501c-6 organization that is member-based and focuses on the commercial corridors
- West Town consists of 8 neighborhoods
- They raise money to put back into the neighborhoods. Kate encourage attendance and entry fee donation to the street fests this summer including Do Division.
- WTCC conducted research on 5 big ideas to improve West Town and help it move forward and they will be hosting a launch on 6/9 that is open to the public
- She promoted that we are a Bicycle Friendly District and encouraged all cyclists to take a sticker for the bike or helmet. Local business provide discounts when show this sticker
- Stay tuned for a Suds and Cycles ride in town
- West Town Mural Initiative: If you own a business along Chicago Ave, you can donate your wall to be transformed by a muralist.
- Security Camera Rebate Program: call/look online for info
- Brochures were distributed and we were encourage to downlowd the West Town app. We were also encouraged to sign up for the event email that comes out monthly.
- Feel free to call with questions and they can point you in the right direction.

Chicago Public Library: West Town Branch (Represented by Stephanie Flinchbaugh)

- Summer Reading begins 6/19 and is for kids 0-13 partnered with MSI
- Adult Programs are plentiful

- She encourage people to check out the digital downloads that CPL has to offer. This includes many magazines including those with recipes.
- Mango Languages App also available with Library Card
- June is Pride Month and other libraries will be hosting 'Drag Queen Storytime' - Check website
- Teen Space is available to support 5 local highschools. You can find a librarian for teens, a Playstation, games and crafts and many opportunities for community service hours

Public Safety Committee (Represented by: Lauren)

- There are for sub-committees: outreach, policies, tech/communications, neighborhood participation
- A sub-group of the Guardian Angels is being formed
- A web page is in development
- Goal is to have an app with safety alerts and to create a satellite office for the officers to file paperwork in the former 13th district (to save on travel time)
- They are still looking for volunteers. Reach out to WTNA if you would like more information

Call for Election:

Liz:

- Briefly reviewed election procedures to current membership. Ballots were cast.

Social Clubs:

Garden: Call for members reach out to WTNA for more info. Next meeting 6/15 at 6:30

Book Club: Just held inaugural meeting and are planning for a June/July meeting. Reading Chicago By Brian Doyle

Events:

Garage Sale: Details shared by Georgia Burke for event being held on 6/3. Free for members to participate. \$10 for non-members. Sale to be held in Mitchell parking lot.

Open Discussion:

A member of HEAL Act shared information regarding the Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity.

Upcoming events were announced:

Garage Sale 6/3 at 9am (Mitchell Lot)

CAPS Meeting 7/5 at 7pm (Smith Park)

WTNA Social 8/27 (details to follow)

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

