

Minutes
TWNA
Nov. 9, 2006

Steering Committee Members present: Harriet Allen, Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Ken Fulgione, Maria Henley, Rick Kayser, Sue Kayser, Jim Massey, Sue Miller, Bob Schwartz, DeWayne Severson, Skip Soper.

Others Present: Mary Mickel, Mike Rindo

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Stan Carpenter at 7:10 pm.

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Treasurer Maria Henley reported \$1929.78 in our account.
3. We will correct the Litchfield ad in our newsletter to say "Litchfield Rental" instead of "Litchfield Auto".
4. Code Enforcement Committee Report: The committee has been addressing code violations at two addresses, 433 Washington and 431 Summit. Dave Duax is aware of the problems and will be helpful. Stan has met with City Manager Mike Huggins, and has asked for an inspection of the Summit Ave. house to get compliance with the number of students living there. We plan to formulate a philosophy that would provide a guide to the City Council and Planning Committee as to how we weigh in on neighborhood quality of life issues. For example, we are not anti-student, but pro-property, and this is beneficial for all neighbors. TWNA members are asked to e-mail suggestions to Stan.
5. Website Discussion: Stan will meet next week with Jill Markgraf to discuss how to make the present website more effective. In addition we could start our own website, enabling us to control the site.
6. Newsletter Committee: The newsletter will come out the first week in January. The Potting Shed inquired about putting an insert in our next newsletter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to not put inserts in the newsletter.
7. Safety issues: Stan discussed neighborhood pedestrian and bicycle safety with UWEC Chancellor Levin-Stankevich . He suggested we work with the UWEC Safety Committee. Stan will meet with the Student Senate next. Duane volunteered his front porch to students, as a place to observe and write about bicycle and pedestrian safety on State Street.

8. DECI Board: (Downtown Eau Claire) will soon have 5 board vacancies. Contact Executive Director Mike Schatz, PO box 5148, Eau Claire WI , 54702-5148 if you wish to apply.
9. By-laws: Stan asked if we preferred the title, Chair or President for his office. We decided to keep Chair.
10. Landmarks Report: Ken said the Landmarks Commission has changed its focus as they try to draw more participants. They no longer stress what cannot be done to landmark houses, and instead, try to educate people of the many options open to them. The committee has also been involved in code violations, but their purpose in doing so concerns the integrity of a house not its population.
11. Topics and Speakers: We would like to have a speaker at an upcoming general meeting. Suggested ideas were, John Mann or someone from the UWEC Historical Society Office, The City Forester, Pat Ivory, and John Guettinger. Send topics to Stan soon so we can put an announcement in the newsletter.
12. Meet Your Neighbor: Matthew Nelson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs At UWEC is planning another "Meet your Neighbor" Feb. 6th. Stan will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Kathy Buchholz, Secretary