

WCA Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by President Ed Good. There were 19 in attendance, plus 4 officers.

The member pages of the WCA website (www.waterfordcitizens.org) can be accessed by:

username: wca
password: wca2011

Meeting agenda, 2012 proposed budget, and previous meeting minutes provided.

First WCA meeting back in the Old School since its renovation.

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Treasurer's report provided by Betsy Gibson:

Overview given, predictions made for upcoming activities, such as 4th of July festivities. Treasurer's report based on dues paid by 69 members to date. 16 members have since paid bringing the total to 85 total paid members, but this has yet to be reflected in report. Hoping for \$2,500 in dues in 2012

Donations documented as received on report. Tree planting and the cemetery have not received any donations to date.

Easter festivities were under budget by about \$30

Miscellaneous fees: insurance fees, these will go over projected expenses

Treasurer Gibson reports that the WCA is currently over budget and needs more monetary donations to support planned activities for the community, especially for the 4th of July.

Committee Reports:

Nick Ratcliffe for Beautification: Nick not in attendance to report on Keep Loudoun Beautiful Campaign

Paul Rose for Cemetery: Saturday, May 19th, (same day as auction) 23 Loudoun Valley High School History students to do clean up at cemetery and set flags up for Memorial Day in the cemetery. They will also be looking for missing tombstones (unmarked graves) in black cemetery using a probe to find the stones that are buried 12-18 inches deep. Four rocks have been found along with depressions in ground to demarcate the grave, but more to be done. Donation of dirt received from the Warton (??) Foundation, dirt to be used to fill in sunken graves. Paul has requested volunteers to help supervise the project on Saturday from 8:30 to noon. He also needs someone with a chain saw and weed eater (??) to assist on Saturdays project to clean up around stones. Help appreciated even for an hour. Extra shovels helpful too!

Also, a donor (Mr. Huff??) wants to establish an endowment for the cemetery. He has offered \$5,000. Matching up to \$5,000 by the cemetery is needed for project to move forward. The endowment would be run through the Cemetery Board of Trustees and the Board would appreciate any donations to the fund. Mr. Huff, is a great great grandson of a Loudoun Ranger and the endowment would be named as Loudoun Rangers Memorial. Donations can be made out to "Waterford Union of Churches Cemeteries, endowment." All donations tax deductible.

Betsy Gibson for Cooperative:

Reminder to check out the membership page on the WCA website for community news, ie. Freecycle, CSA's, Books on Tape, Carpooling/commuting to Washington DC
NEW Hillsboro Farmer's Market starts this weekend!

Bob Bocek for Fundraising and Membership: Not present

Ed Good did mention that Mr. Print in Purcellville printed WCA membership flier materials for free. This was very much appreciated. They are a friend to the community and please direct business their way when possible.

Also, idea for fundraising: a sailing sloop in Annapolis that can be rented for a sail around the Chesapeake Bay. Considering selling tickets for this at \$100/each as fundraiser.

Elderberry syrup fundraiser has been bought out and will not be pursued any further. Joellen Keating still on website as contact and would like her name removed.

Sharon Knipmeyer for Special Events: not present

Tom Edmonds is the new Streets committee chair. Thank you, Tom!

Old Business:

Bylaws as amended in January. Need three chairs plus officers.

Brown Morton, Tom Edmonds, and Bob Bocek will be the three chairs. Brown Morton also would like the WCA preservation efforts to link up with Foundation efforts and to contact him for coordination on both fronts.

New Business:

1. Election of 3 Members of the Nominating Committee. Requirements of Committee:
Must meet at least once, must discuss nominations with community, and must have slate ready for presentation at September WCA meeting.

Nominations: Sherry Satin, Tom Edmonds, Kathleen Hughes, Joe Keating

Clarification that Officers can succeed themselves. Nominations closed by vote.

Jeff Bean, election monitor. Ballots collected for nominating committee. Pastor observed Jeff for the ballot tally.

Tom Edmonds, Sherry Satin, and Joe Keating nominated to committee.

2. Discussion of 4th of July activities: Sharon Knipmeyer is heading up the 4th. Floor opened for discussion. Dave Parker in touch with same fireworks company. Contract

received, just need to sign. No price change from last year. Rain date scheduled for the 5th. Fireworks will be the 3rd. Suggestion made to have the potluck festivities up on the slope of the Old School. Foundation needs to approve this since it is on their property, but that is the hope of the WCA. Chet Gibson will be heading up the parade. Hans Hummel (??) will be in charge of the watermelon and hot dogs. Jeff Bean has agreed to be the entertainment on the 4th. Band that played at last year's potluck on the 3rd not available, looking for ideas regarding entertainment for pot luck supper. Should we skip this due to budget constraints? Nancy Doane suggested asking some local musicians who like to jam together to come play. This has possibilities. Boy Scouts will lead parade. No band for parade b/c of expense. Local high school not available. Suggestions welcome here. Overall, volunteers needed to help make event a success.

3. Guidelines for emails sent to WCA members. There was consensus from members of the WCA on use of email to announce community wide news and events providing it is not abused or used to send religious, political, or profit based information.
4. Printed copy of WCA directory for discussion. Motion passed not to print. It is listed on the website and can be printed from there. Only 2012 members that have paid dues will be listed on website.
5. Clarification on username and password for WCA website. The password will be changing for 2012.
6. There will be a search for a new Executive Director at the Waterford Foundation secondary to Nancy Doane's retirement from the position. Ed Good will head the recruitment effort for a new ED. Please send any suggestions to Ed.
7. Tom Edmonds has agreed to act as the Streets Committee Chair and to address traffic in Waterford. He has noticed a significant increase in large truck activity coming through the village. Would like to address this issue, in particular. He will need volunteers to assist with this project, please contact Tom with ideas and offers of assistance.
8. Zoning enforcement officer, Jacob Hambrick, noted that a resident has complained about the village bulletin board next to the post office. Apparently, this sign violates a sign ordinance. WCA will be addressing this issue further.

DO WE WANT THESE NOTES INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION OR DELETED????

(Is this board a sign? We actually want it to be a sign, if we can get it to be a sign, one time \$165 license fee for bulletin board to keep it. Historic district issue with fee associated. Sign cannot be grandfathered. Can it go back into post office? Suggestions to let Gary Higgins know this is an announcement vehicle. The sign doesn't have a permit, if not permitted, has to come down. Ann built/gave the bulletin board. The sign is on two properties. One leg on Paul Rose's and one leg on Julie's??

Need to study the sign ordinance. Make it a political/religious sign? Has become more of an advertising board, should be only for villagers and notices inside should be appropriate size. Jacob will call Ed back and get a copy of zoning ordinance and find way around. First ammendment infringement?)

9. Announcements: Silent auction starting Friday, May 18th, for preview party. 11am for live auction. Come and bring friends. Registration begins at 9am on Saturday. Memorial Day flags need to go up. Who can help with this? Dave, Jeff, Skip?

10. Jeff Bean gave an update.

Next Meetings scheduled for September 13th and December 6th at 1930 at the Old Waterford School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Malone
WCA Secretary