

Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

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Minutes

1. **Welcome and Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Amanda Gurski. The meeting was held at the home of the President.
2. **Oyster Roast Review/ Discussion.** Treasurer Gail Thomas reviewed an updated report of the Oyster Roast, noting that the profit was \$7,242.90. Members agreed that the Oyster Roast and Bar-B-Q was generally a success, but could, of course, be improved. Board members discussed that the lack of a Silent Auction did not appear to negatively impact the profit margin, and there was some discussion of including a raffle in the next oyster roast as a substitute. The matter was left for further discussion at a later meeting.

There was an acknowledgement that we were lucky with the weather for the event; rain would have forced all activity under the tent. Kelly Olsen suggested that reservation of a contingency tent could be explored, although it would likely involve a costly deposit. She indicated that she would look into the matter. One board member noted that there was a limited number of chairs and tables at the event, but Kelly Olsen reported that Lowndes Grove did not have more furniture on hand. Kelly said we might want to consider advertising the fact that **attendees can bring blankets and lawn chairs to the next event** and be more comfortable. The general consensus of the Board was that this would be a welcome addition next year.

Gail Thomas reported that she had approached the Caterer and the Band informally about coming back for the Oyster Roast next year. She indicated that both had responded positively, contingent on the scheduling of the event. Kelly Olsen then said that there were two possible dates for the event next year: January 10 or January 17, 2021. The Board agreed that the second Monday of January was a good date without conflicts with major sporting events, etc. **The Board selected January 10, 2021 as the date of the Oyster Roast for next year.**

Director Alston Middleton suggested that we include signage at the entrance to Lowndes Grove emphasizing the benefits to Wagener Terrace from the oyster roast proceeds, and that the signage could also include a list of special sponsors of the event who have assisted by donating or discounting materials. There was a consensus that this was a good idea. Gail Thomas suggested that the advertising banner on Rutledge and Grove include larger lettering so it can be more easily seen from the street.

A discussion of the distribution of free grocery bags for all Wagener Terrace residents to be purchased with proceeds from the oyster roast followed. Several members

suggested including the logo of an oak tree. Finding an artist to produce the logo was discussed. Another member suggested that the Board explore the idea of producing and selling a **Wagener Terrace Oyster Roast event T-shirt** with the logo, date and location. President Gurski urged that the words “Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association” be included as our brand. There was general agreement and enthusiasm for this idea and that sales could commence at the Oyster Roast.

3. **Nominating Committee Chair.** President Gurski reviewed the WTNA By-Laws relating to the election of four Board Members (who are not officers) and whose two-year terms of office commence in June 2020. The board members currently in those positions are: Alston Middleton, Nancy Wilson, Jeanie Knowlton, and Kelly Olsen. The role of the nominating committee was discussed and the timeline for election was reviewed. President Gurski indicated that the Chair of the Nominating Committee needed to be chosen who had experience with the activities of the Association. Alston Middleton announced that he would be willing to serve as Chair, inasmuch as he did not wish to be re-elected to the Board. A motion of approval was made by Gail Thomas and was approved by the Board.
4. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.