

SPRUCE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

JUNE 9, 2009

Attendees: B. Behr, Chesluk, B. Feldman, M. Ferguson, J. Finan, B. Grossbach, E. Halligan, L. Korein, J. Kaplan, A. Madrid, M. McCullough, M. Wagenveld, K. White, M. Wolfe, M. Young

Excused Absence: S. McCoubrey, J. Powers Guest: Mary Goldman

The motion was passed to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2009.

-Policy on Use of the Building

Discussion was held with reference to the request of Rabbi Hermann to use the SHCA building for meetings, particularly a Torah school. Presently, groups who use the building for meetings are: AA, Town Watch, Theater Group, Book Club. There was general agreement that we should make the building available for use by the community. Assurance is needed that users will look out for the property. Rent will not be charged, but a donation to the Trust will be solicited. Also, we will request that some members of the requesting group should join SHCA. A calendar and scheduling will be developed. The questions arose as to how access to the building will work and the availability of a key. One person will have a key and will be in charge of locking the building after meetings. A deposit will be required for the key. The contract as amended, which was distributed at the meeting, should be signed by a person in charge of the requesting group. It was agreed that we would not advertise the availability of the building.

A Motion by Ed Halligan was proposed and approved to grant the use of the building to Rabbi Herman and other community based organizations.

Financial Summary of the May Fair

The bottom line as of June 4 net income is \$1694.35 compared to \$8476.05 for 2008. A financial summary was distributed. There was disaster from the food and bake sales; the book sale did well; there was a big drop-off in raffle sales. The biggest decrease occurred in Contributions: \$10,910 in 2008 and \$7,590 in 2009.

Committee reports

Communications: There is a plan to spotlight the new restaurant at 45th and Sansom Sts. in need of business. Also, pictures and summaries of the May Fair are needed.

Membership: We need to keep on track as to who is on various committees. Mailings will be sent and door-to-door solicitations will be made to generate new members.

Education: The playground grant was not aware. Also, it appears that West Philadelphia High will not get small schools. It seems that the Board of Education is not a proponent of small schools.

Safety: There is a need to re-activate the Safety Committee. At this time, 40th Street seems to be the biggest issue. The increased presence of Penn Police and Philadelphia Police has quieted things down. There is also a report of vandalism at the Gold Standard Restaurant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 8, 2009

Submitted by Kathleen White