

Hiltonia Association General Meeting

Minutes from March 31, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 at the home of Bill and Regina Merz, with around 36 people in attendance.

Bill began the meeting by talking about Don Wallar as a “Civic Champion.” He read some letters and e-mails extolling his service to our city. The plans for a Memorial Garden on Hilvista were discussed. Lily Knezevich brought up the possibility of a proclamation. Maria, said I would mention it to Reed Gusciora. Brian Viehland announced that TCCA had established a Don Wallar Memorial Scholarship. Rochelle Ellis suggested *Go Fund Me* as a way to build up the scholarship.

Bill discussed the advantages of signing up for a water/sewer line/plumbing protection plan through American Water Resources. He related his own experiences with a water-main break and how lucky he was to have had that plan. He also explained the ins and outs of dealing with a leaking fuel oil tank.

A motion made to approve January minutes by Brian V. unanimously approved.

Bob Schuster made a motion to approve January’s Treasurer Report, which was also unanimously approved. The CD will mature and be rolled over.

The **Children’s Committee** reported that the Egg Hunt was well attended. Eleanor Bukosky was the Bunny. Kathleen Coughlin did the face painting.

It was decided that, because April’s Flamingo Party falls on Good Friday, it would be skipped. The Garden Party has no host just yet, and neither does the May Meeting. Hopefully, Barbara Bromley, plant expert, can participate as she can advise on deterring deer from our plants/flowers. Bill is also trying to invite a representative from the Assessment Revaluation.

Brian announced that at TCCA’s Thursday meeting they will be discussing the City’s Revaluation. Zack Chester will be present to answer questions. He also described Taste Trenton, an activity planned for May 16. Sales will go to charity. They are planning a sporting event for the summer. He also mentioned that the City Budget would be ready by July 1.

Bill asked if anyone knew of a neighbor(s) who might need a “buddy.” or someone to assist in small chores such as changing a light bulb or mowing the lawn. Donald Brokate brought it up to him. We are trying to identify anyone who is elderly, alone and in need of company or assistance.

A break in was reported at 1520 Stuyvesant.

Brian made a motion to pay for the Hiltonia Garden revival from Hiltonia funds. Kathi Eckert seconded.

Old Business – Bill brought up the gas leaks in the neighborhood. He advised us to call PSE&G if we smell anything.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Submitted by Maria A. Spillmann for Janet Perez, Secretary Hiltonia Association