

Meeting Minutes – March 2012

March 14, 2012 General Meeting

The March 14, 2012 General Meeting was held at the home of Lindsey and Gwen Tucker. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

Cameron Hunt, current president of the TCCA, spoke. The TCCA dinner will be held at the Trenton Country Club this year. He said the TCCA plans to be more proactive and wants to add three more fundraisers this year (in addition to the dinner). The TCCA is planning a fundraiser with the Trenton High School Debate Team as well as a half-mile run.

Mr. Hunt added that TCCA is going out after other communities, reaching out to Hispanic groups, and adding two more representatives to TCCA, for example. He noted that money from fundraisers will go to TCCA to be spent in the community, for direct support of community civic associations. TCCA will act as an umbrella organization, allowing other civic associations to sign on to its 501C3 tax status.

The TCCA is also wants to see landlords accountable for the state of their properties, and the organization is looking in to how the current \$100 fine for landlord property issues can be raised. TCCA spoke about the success of the City's Safe Passage program, which has adult volunteers posted at points around the main campus of the high school during dismissal to allow students to walk home safely. TCCA has also been updating and upgrading its website.

Landscape Architect Carrie Stanker then made a short presentation about the seminar for residents she was leading on the 24th. This seminar was being held in advance of the house tour, with a goal of improving property curb appeal.

Some of the issues she planned to address were: drawing attention to your front door via walkways and mass plantings; the right way to do mass plantings; decluttering your garden; dressing up existing planting beds; container planting and ideas to get the biggest bang for your buck.

Seminar attendees were eligible for 20% off a consultation by Carrie. After a short break the meeting resumed at about 8:30. New Business Elise Mannella told the meeting that the Trenton Historical Society is accepting applications until April 15 for its 2012 Restore Trenton program. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000. Houses must be at least 50 years old.

There is a competition to design a new logo for the Trenton Public Library. Elise

mentioned a survey of Glen Afton residents being conducted by the Army Corps. of Engineers regarding flooding problems. She said she'd like Hiltonia residents to participate, especially residents of Cornwall Avenue, where some flooding issues exist.

There was some discussion about fixing the broken fence on Cadwalader Drive (due to Hurricane Irene). One suggestion was to have volunteers attempt to reposition it during one of the upcoming clean up days in April.

Michael Nalbone mentioned that day of house tour tickets will be available at 2A Buckingham Avenue.