

Meeting Minutes – May 2012

May 8, 2012 General Meeting

The General Meeting was a potluck dinner held at The Ellarslie Museum in Cadwalader Park. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

The potluck began at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m. Ellarslie Board member Carolyn Stetson spoke about the Museum's fundraiser, Save the Ellarslie Open Gala, on May 19th. She said the Museum Board had just established an Exhibit Committee and that there were a number of exhibits being planned, starting with a TAWA exhibit this summer. She mentioned that there were currently two historical exhibits on the second floor of the museum. A children's program is set for June and an exhibit of tile molds is also planned for the summer.

The regular meeting immediately followed Ms. Stetson's presentation. Michael Nalbone, co-chair of the House Tour Committee, told the group that the inaugural house tour was very successful, with 193 tickets sold. No funds from the Association were used. The committee raised \$2,400 in advertising sales (ads appeared on the tour brochure), and \$2,834 through ticket sales. Total ticket and ad sales totaled \$5,234; after expenses of \$2,547, the Association was left with a net profit of \$2,687.

Michael noted that this tour was planned and publicized on a bare bones budget, and everyone was very excited by its success. He added that some of the money might be channeled into small neighborhood grants or towards some improvements, such as signage.

Money from this tour will also be set aside to pay upfront expenses with the next tour in 2014. Neighbors who opened their homes for the tour each received a small gift from the Association as thanks. The committee chairs and members were also thanked for their hard work.

Elise Mannella closed the meeting with a reminder of upcoming events. The next neighborhood event will be the Garden Party on July 21. It will be held at the home of Bill and Maria Wegner, 209 Buckingham Avenue.