

Hiltonia Association

General Meeting

MINUTES

March 11, 2020
7:00 PM
Home of: Lily Knezevich

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey @ 7:00 PM. There were 16 residents in attendance.

Special guest speaker: Jordan Antebi

Members were given an overview of Cadwalader Park and the ongoing projects by the Park Projects Committee. Jordan gave an interesting and well-researched talk on the history of Cadwalader Park and Frederick Law Olmsted. Jordan asked neighbors how they use the park and spoke of the need to do something in a positive direction to make the general public (not just Trentonians) aware of the park, its history and the need to fulfill Olmsted's vision of the park as a "spirit of community." The June issue of the *Hilltone* will have a more extensive article regarding Jordan's research on Olmsted, the history of the park, and the vision of the Park Project committee.

- 1) **Minutes:** Minutes from the January 14, 2020, meeting were approved by voice vote.
- 2) **Treasurer's Report:** Barry Giordano presented the Association checking account balance was \$1534.78 The House Tour savings account had \$2751.91, and the Certificate of Deposit had \$5304.67 for a grand total of \$9591.36.
- 3) **Committee Reports (oral reports)**
 - a. ***Civic:*** Paulette Ayres reported that City Council approved the rehabilitation of Stuyvesant Avenue.
 - b. ***Publicity:*** Linda Reid – no report
 - c. ***Membership:*** Terri and Dennis reported on behalf of membership that there is an urgent need for membership renewals. It is important that neighbors remember they must be members in good standing to exercise voting privileges. And membership dues support Association activities, Worthy Projects donations, and publication of the *Hilltone*. Membership forms can be found on the Association website.
 - d. ***Social: Children's:*** Kathleen Coughlin reported that there will not be a children's Easter event this year. The next association activity will be the National Night Out.
Adult's: Lori Emerson reported that the February Saturday social was a big success, and she would like to extend that scheduling flexibility into the future to make events easier to attend for those with Friday conflicts.
 - e. ***Hospitality:*** Georgia Wallar reported a home is needed for the May meeting. Georgia would like to have a list of homes willing to host meetings "in a pinch." Please contact Georgia if you would like to be included on that list.
 - f. ***Welcome Wagon:*** June Guerrero - no report.
 - g. ***Worthy Projects:*** Maureen/Jacques Lebel have compiled a list of previous Worthy Causes the Association has donated to.
 - h. ***Cadwalader Park Projects:*** Becky Taylor reported the February park cleanup was well attended and a great success. The cleanup concentrated on the upper ponds pathways. The committee is exploring many new ideas and is planning another Saturday cleanup in April.

h. *Porchfest*: Jeannie Weakliem reported there are presently 17 porches volunteered with 13 bands booked to date. There is a form on the neighborhood website Porchfesttrenton.com to volunteer your porch or time. Please note there is also a Go Fund Me page for donations.

5) Unfinished Business - no report

6) New Business

Dennis Wendell has formed a group of interested citizens to discuss City Council dockets and disseminate information that may be of interest to the public. If you would like to join this group please contact Dennis Wendell.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING @ 8:32 PM

Next General Meeting: May 12, 2020

Additional Information