

WORA Minutes of Meeting April 6, 2006

Call to Order and Roll Call

Tom Corboy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM at 16 Spa View Circle. Present were: Lee Aube, Dan Sams, Amanda Hurt-Fegley, Maureen Dodd, Bryan Miller, Mark Pipkin, Tom Corboy, Mike Farmer and Geoff Mitchell.

Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Board meeting of March 2, 2006 were duly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is attached. The beginning balance on March 1 was \$9158.72. Total March income from membership fees was \$490. Expenses in March were \$201.80 leaving a cash balance of \$9446.92.

Mark Pipkin reported that membership renewals are improving as a result of the reminder cards that were sent. We currently have 430 paid-up memberships. One year ago we had 556 paid up memberships. Mark will circulate an up-dated membership list.

Nominating Committee

Mark Pipkin reported that the Nominating Committee has been working very hard. A list of qualified and recommended persons is being prepared as soon as two remaining positions are filled. Mark expects the list to be completed next week.

It was agreed that the full list of names and bios will be completed by April 26, so that a special mailing can be disseminated by May 1 to WORA members containing the list of candidates. The full list and biographical sketches will be included in the May newsletter.

Let's Talk Annapolis.

Amanda Fegley reported that Hollis Minor of the Minor Group that is working for the City facilitating the Let's Talk Annapolis process, has agreed to attend the next Board meeting to explain Let's Talk Annapolis and to receive input and feedback from Ward One. The Board welcomes her attendance and looks forward to working with her.

After discussion, it was determined that the Board should present and explain the Ward One Policy Statements that have recently been adopted at full membership meetings over the past several months. These expressions of our policy address some of the more pressing issues. We will also explain the background work that went into the development of the policy statements. Ms. Fegley also asked the Board members to view the Let's Talk Annapolis portion of the City's web site where much information about the purpose of the initiative can be obtained.

Mr. Corboy pointed out that any Ward One member is welcome to attend the meeting to hear the interaction with Ms. Minor.

Bylaw Revisions

Tom Corboy reminded the Board that one amendment to the Bylaws is proposed for adoption by the members. This revision will allow the Chairman or any member attending a board or general membership meeting to invoke Robert's Rules of Order. The amendment cannot be approved until we are able to convene a general membership meeting at which a quorum is present.

Meeting with Alderman Israel and Parking Update.

Mr. Corboy reported that he met with Alderman Israel and representatives of other Ward One organizations at the Maryland Inn on Saturday, April 1 to go over Mr. Israel's update on issues before the Council. Israel noted that the bill establishing a waiver of fees for West Street and Maryland Avenue festivals will be limited to a waiver of parking fees only. On April 10, at the Council meeting, the Mayor will present the annual budget at a public meeting of the Council. There will be a working session on April 21. The public may attend; since it is a working session, there will be no public testimony or participation. Public comment on the proposed budget is to be heard at the City Council meeting on April 24. A hearing on the budget is scheduled before the Economic Matters Committee for May 4.

Standing Policies

Mr. Corboy reminded the Board and all members that the policies are now updated to reflect the discussions and revisions to the policies prior to adoption at the March 16 General Membership meeting. The adopted Policies are now posted on the WORA website and all are asked to review the text for accuracy.

Ordinance 07-06 and Proposal for Restaurant at Number 4 Dock Street.

Mr. Corboy briefed the Board on his testimony before the Council in favor of the bill requiring that landlord's accept responsibility for certain repairs in leased premises. The bill was heavily opposed by the landlord's lobby. During the course of the hearing it also became clear that the bill imposed no further legal obligation than that required by existing law and applicable codes. Mr. Corboy will follow the status of the bill.

There has been no action by the City on the proposal by Jerry's Seafood for a new restaurant at #4 Dock Street including a 12 midnight liquor license, rooftop dining and a 165 patron capacity. Mr. Corboy will keep the Board apprised as this proposal is not consistent with WORA's standing policy against the issuance of new liquor licenses.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey Mitchell

WORA REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT

MARCH 2006

Expenses

Annapolis Web Publishing	\$ 100.00
Thomas Corboy Re-imbusement	
Postcards/Postage	\$ 101.80
Total Expenses	\$ 201.80

Revenues/Membership

Cash Received\$	\$000.00
Checks Received\$	490.00
(Includes Direct Deposit)	
Total Revenues/Membership	\$ 490.00
Balance as of 3/01/06	\$9158.72
Balance as of 3/31/06	\$9446.92