

AWWCA 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Monday, September 30, 2013
MINUTES

Held at Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Avenue North
Recording secretary: Linda Ellis

Registration began at 5:30 p.m.

President Jay Parlar called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He welcomed the audience, presented the agenda, introduced the guests, and thanked Temple Anshe Sholom for the use of their premises.

The keynote address was presented by Marie-Louise Kallsen, facilitator for the Westdale Village Business Improvement Area, who focused on keeping Westdale's vibrancy and sustainability to ensure its survival.

Barb Mansfield presented the treasurer's report. As of Aug. 31, 2013, we had a combined bank balance of \$7,141. This consisted of a balance of \$4,230 in our TD operating account and \$2,911 in our ING savings account. Our cash position was \$2,564 higher than last year, largely attributable to an increase in membership-renewal collections.

In prior years, our largest expense was printing our newsletters. Publishing the newsletters required a great deal of volunteers' time. As no one has been forthcoming to take on this responsibility, we have put them on hold temporarily. This has resulted in a cash surplus, and we are considering options for its use. As a board, we would like to see the money reinvested in the community, perhaps the larger community, and will be asking our members for suggestions.

Barb will be stepping down as treasurer and will be replaced by Steve Metham. Steve joined the association this past June and recently was nominated by the board as our new treasurer. He has lived in the community for the past 14 years and has children attending each of our three schools. He is a member of the board for the Participatory Budget for Ward 1. Steve comes to us with much experience and will be a vital member of the team.

A copy of our Statement of Operations for the year ended Aug. 31, 2013, was made available in the main hallway for those who wanted to review it.

Linda Ellis presented the 2012 AGM minutes, which were printed on the back of the agenda. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as if read, Kevin Russell seconded it, and the motion was carried.

Kevin Russell presented the membership report: We had 287 paid-up members and 22 friends of the AWWCA. A further 323 members had overdue memberships, and 11 new members joined the association over the last year. If your e-mail address has changed, please contact us to let us know. Kevin moved to accept this report, Linda Ellis seconded it, and the motion was carried.

Kevin Russell presented the Nominating Committee Report. As the nominations listed on the agenda were the only ones received, those persons were deemed appointed to the positions listed. Kevin moved to accept this report, Linda Ellis seconded it, and the motion was carried.

We then moved to small-group discussions: Police Concerns, the Prince Philip to George R. Allan schools transition, and the McMaster Community. Notes from these groups will be posted on our website.

At 8:45 p.m. we reassembled. Brian McHattie presented his Ward 1 councillor's report. Updates included:

- The Participatory Budget in Ward 1 allocates \$1.5-million per year; this is the third year. Some great projects have been submitted and are going up on a website to be voted on between Oct. 1 and 21.
- The Churchill Park master plan is still being worked on. There is money in the capital budget to install some pathways, and there will be rain gardens through the park to try to drain the park better. Trees will be planted along the RBG Cootes Paradise forest side.
- Bike lanes have been installed on Longwood Road South, and the city is considering expanding the lanes from Main Street to Aberdeen.
- Last week at city council the rental-licensing bylaw was not supported. This topic has been tabled.
- The proactive-bylaw-enforcement trial project over the last couple of years has consisted of part-time staff. It has proven effective, and council has decided to continue it and staff it will full-time employees.
- We are working with the city's chief solicitor on identifying student lodging homes, which are illegal in Ainslie Wood and Westdale.
- Developers are showing a lot more interest in purpose-built student housing. A project is slated for Leland on an old industrial complex; a public meeting will be held to see what the developer is proposing.
- Brian announced that he will be running for mayor in 2014.