

Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association Meeting – May 19, 2009

Parry opened the meeting at 7:33.

Sam discussed his proposed changes to the GWWCA by-laws. Once approved, they will be put on the website. Be patient; webmaster is changing and our new one, Bonnie Clark, is coming up to speed.

Sam wanted the membership to know that the Marion Moo, the owner of the house at the northeast corner of Telegraph and Florence, is handling the mowing of the grassy area at the opposite corner of Telegraph and Florence Lane, even though it is county-owned. Our community appreciates her support.

The GWWCA Board recently voted on yearly GWWCA donations, as long as availability of funds permits. They are as follows:

Browne Academy \$100
Police Unity Team (Franconia and Mt. Vernon Districts) \$200
Wilton Woods Memorial Garden \$500
United Community Ministries (UCM) \$100
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Edison HS All Night Grad Party \$500

An Edison senior parent spoke about the all-night grad party and the fundraising. They are selling signs advertising the party as part of the fundraising.

Community Parking District (CPD)
GWWCA promised to provide input to McKay's office on this. Please provide either your support or opposition to this—your opinion counts! gwwca@yahoo.com

Parry asked Melissa Lakey for an update on the Browne Academy fence. Melissa is working with Jeff McKay's office. There are complicated issues regarding liability with regards to the school, as well as a nearby townhouse community, but she is continuing to work with Supervisor Jeff McKay's office to find any solutions.

Melissa also discussed a recent shooting at the top of Shaffer Dr. It was a security guard on duty at the bowling alley, who was subsequently arrested and charged with unlawful discharge of a weapon.

Sam announced the scheduled ceremony at the Memorial Garden for September 6. This is to honor our fire and EMS folks who are here to help us every day.

Also, GWWCA is putting together care packages to Iraq. Mary spoke about this. GWWCA is taking donations of personal toiletries, canned food that doesn't need can openers, and more. A complete list can be obtained from Sam and Mary McCutchen.

Guest speaker was Va Delegate Mark Sickles of the 43rd District.

He passed out session highlights, and then discussed some of them, including the following:

- Budget
- VA is first state that incorporated the federal stimulus money into its budget. That helped the state immensely with its budget shortfall, especially with regards to schools.
- Smoking ban in restaurants. Effective December 1.
- Unemployment insurance.
- Delgate Sickle's legislation. Study passed in 2008 to avoid losing small biotech firms to MD, generally to keep this type of expertise in the state. He received Legislator of the Year award from biotech organizations for his efforts.
- He discussed various passed and failed bills.
- He discussed the issue of a second term for VA governors, something not currently allowed by law.

A member asked about Ashley's Law and why it failed to pass. Del. Sickles suggested engaging police organizations, to understand their opposition to the law and see if there could be a compromise.

A member asked about Chesapeake Bay runoff issues. Local developers are not heeding laws for drainage.

Mark Sickles is supporting Brian Moran for governor.

Treasurer's Report: current balance is \$4,404.67.

Income (from dues): \$165.00

Expenses: \$26.45

Annual membership dues are being accepted for 2009.

The 50/50 raffle was held.

Parry closed the meeting at 9:00.