

WALDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC.
Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2010
Monthly Meeting, Walden Day Care, 2 South Montgomery St. Walden, NY

Present:

John Revella

Mary Ann Landolina

Jean Winum

Brenda Adams

The April Walden Community Council (“WCC”) meeting was hosted by Walden Day Care Early Education Center. The meeting was called to order by President John Revella at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Heather Weston welcomed WCC and thanked the Council for its support over the years. She asked the members to please walk through the building to see the school age and preschool rooms. Preschool registration is getting full. Graduation is June 18. There will be a rummage sale, bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 1, 2010 with special Mother’s Day crafts for the children. Plans for Summer Day Camp are underway.

Secretary’s Report:

Communications –

Donna and Scott Adler sent a donation of \$50 for Music in the Grove. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan sent an invitation to their 10th Anniversary Celebration honoring Alan and Sandra Gerry. The request was received after the April 9, RSVP date. Anita and Roy Wynkoop, Flowers by Anita, sent a thank you note for a lovely evening at the March monthly meeting.

The minutes of March 10, 2010 were accepted as read by acclamation. The motion was placed by Anita Vandermark.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jean Winum stated the following bank balances: regular checking account at Walden Savings Bank \$6,641.31, which includes money for Veterans Park; Scholarship account \$592.70; WBA account \$10.00; and the Grant account \$1.00. To date \$800 has been donated to Music in The Grove, also included in the checking account. Two payments were deposited for the grant and went out to the building owners immediately.

Committee Reports

Village Government:

John Revella reported the highlights of the March 23, 2010, Board meeting: bulk pick up begins the week of April 18; public comment included discussions about the severance package given the former Village Manager; WLDC was approved for \$50,000 of HoDAG funds as seed money for the 29 Grant St. development proposal; requested park improvements from Walden Little League was tabled; the Little League Parade was

approved; Easter Sunday Services in the Square was approved; website upgrades tabled; Walden Day Care tabled; and the Village Clerk and Treasurer were each awarded \$200 per week for added responsibilities in lieu of a Village Manager. The April 5, Reorganization meeting highlights: Sue Rumbold was reappointed as Deputy Mayor, Village Attorney, Kevin Dowd, received a thirty (30) day extension for his services; Lanc and Tully was appointed Village Engineers; Mayor Maher is the liaison to the Planning and ZBA Boards; Trustees Norman and Penney are liaisons to the Library; Trustee Leonard is the liaison to the Town of Montgomery; Anita Vandermark was reappointed to the Ethics Committee; Mary Ellen Matisse was appointed as Village Historian; the official newspapers are the *Times Herald Record* and the *Wallkill Valley Times*; Official Banks are Key Bank, Bank of America and Orange County Trust Company; and an Investment and Procurement policy was passed. Fred Gorss is Acting Village Justice. Highlights of the April 13 meeting: a public hearing on the budget was difficult as the budget had not been issued; public hearing is continued until the next meeting; Officer Watt is back on active duty from an injury; additional public comment about the Village Manger severance package; the Memorial Day parade was approved; Mayor Maher and Trustee Norman are on the Assembly Room Committee; a weatherization forum will be held on April 28; the Rotary's "Operation Cleanup" is April 24; MPB's request to be exempt from the refuse service was tabled to April 27; a resolution was passed in support of the Main Street Grant application; small cities loan was tabled; Bartlett's request for access through the Municipal parking lot was tabled; and there will be a public hearing on the use of CBDG funds on April 27.

Community Image/PR/Website:

Anita Vandermark is waiting to hear from Rod Freeman regarding the last paper newsletter. She continues to keep a Village presence on Channel 23 and in her column.

Beautification Committee: No report

Music in the Grove:

Jodi Lynn has been planning with Ginny Neidermier. Two bands are booked for July. The first MIG event is July 10. The Library booked the *Jazz Pioneers* for July 17. With the donation received tonight there is \$850 available to commit. The usual stipend of \$250 is too low. The committee is trying to negotiate a \$300 stipend for performers. They are still considering if WCC will sell refreshments this year.

Harvest Fest:

Jodi Lynn noted the April meeting had low attendance. Sergeant Metzger said the Police Department is not in favor of using Main St. to extend vendor spots. The preference is using Pine and Orchard Streets. He is notifying the churches and funeral directors and will check out the electrical concerns in the Square that plagued the Christmas Tree Lights. Mike Bliss and John Howland confirmed Recreation Department activities and will help with the Pie Eating Contest. They want the youth activities kept in the same location as last year to make it easier to staff and safer for the children. Mary Ann Landolina confirmed Joe Daily as emcee. Donna Hall is on board. The Family Dance is moved to Wooster Grove with Mike and John's blessing. They will organize, advertise and dedicate two staff people to the dance. The dance will be Friday evening, October 1, 7:00-10:00 p.m., after the Lil' Miss contest which will take place in the Square. Jodi is working on

getting the vendor application on the Village website so that it can be linked to the WCC and Town of Montgomery websites. Mike Ciardullo will be approached about water bottle labels with WCC, WBA and the Town of Montgomery Food Pantry logos. The Mason's child ID program will be at the St. Andrews Church. Martha Host and her daughter, Carol Ragusa, are collecting small stuffed animals and books as give-a-ways at their booth. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month – next: May 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m. Community Room, second floor of the Municipal Building.

Walden Business Association:

John Revella noted Donna Hall gave a great presentation “Thinking Positive” at the April meeting. The annual meeting is May 7 at Jacobowitz and Gubits. Regular meetings are the first Friday, every other month – next: June 4, 2010, 8:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

Scholarship Committee:

Jean Winum advised that the application forms have been delivered to the Valley Central High School office. Jill Conklin will call when the applications are submitted.

By-laws Committee:

Mary Ann Landolina anticipates having a draft ready for the June WCC meeting.

Old Business

Walden Veterans Memorial Park:

Brenda Adams reported the concrete pads for the benches will be poured any day now by Vern Spencer. A Flag Day Celebration is being planned for Sunday, June 13, 2010, 1:00 p.m. Bobby Montanaro is getting the posts to hang the sign. Plans for dirt, grass seed and landscaping (flowers and shrubs) will be made at the next meeting.

NY Main Street Grant:

John Revella noted there is very little allocated money left to be spent from the first grant. Repairs and renovations at the Masonic Lodge, Millspaugh's, NY School of Music and Robert DeGroodt's building are underway. The 2010 grant application targets the Walker Building, Sohns', Roosa's, Orchard Street and up to the Walden Diner.

Storage Shed:

This is the last month for the storage unit at Guardian. John Revella will have the shelves installed by the end of next week. The key is at the Walden Police Department. Someone needs to take the key and get 4 copies made.

New Business

Information re:John Revella:

John announced he was interviewed for the Walden Village Manager position. If hired it would be a conflict for him to remain an officer of the WCC.

Calendar Fundraiser:

Mary Ann Landolina is organizing a lottery calendar for the year 2011. Mike Ciardullo will print the calendar tickets for \$145. They will be sold for \$20 per ticket and winners will be based on the evening lottery, "Pick Three" numbers. The prizes are \$25 daily Monday – Friday; \$30 Saturday; \$40 Sunday, \$75 Holidays and \$100 on December 31. A nice profit will be realized if all tickets are sold. Committee members are Mary Ann, Jean Winum and Pat Easley.

Comments

Various upcoming events were announced taking place over the next month including Senior Independence Council will be holding their 3rd volunteer appreciation dinner, a sit-down turkey dinner honoring Ruth McMahon for her service, on April 28 at the Maybrook Senior Center. Our own Joe "Pepe" Neretich will perform on the accordion and Jacobowitz and Gubits is a corporate sponsor.

Coming up next month, Anita Vandermark is the recipient of the Rotary's "Service Above Self" award. She will be honored on May 20th at Spruce Lodge. See Mike Bliss, Bernard Bowen, Brian Maher, John Revella or Peter Sullivan for tickets.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Bob Jansen, seconded by Sue Hermance, and passed unanimously at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda M. Adams
Secretary