

GNA Quarterly Meeting, January 20, 2016

Glenbrook Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Christie Fountain, GNA President. 52 people attended.

The minutes from the September 16 meeting were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Anita Kozminsky

Current membership: 240 residential and 54 businesses.

UPDATES:

- Christie said that only about half of the emails to GNA members announcing this meeting (via Constant Contact) were opened.
- Linnea reported on the Fall Cleanup and announced the date for the Spring Cleanup on Saturday, May 7.
- City Carting representatives Tony Farina and Phil DeCrescenza were at the meeting. A sign-up sheet was circulated for a future tour of the recycling center (date TBA).
- Improvements are expected this year at the intersection area of Courtland, Taylor Reed and Maple Tree.
- Sheila Toner reported on the Historic Resources Survey; the committee met with consultant David Taylor in December.
- Christie was told by the developer of Glenbrook Commons (467 Glenbrook Road) that 15 of the 17 units are rented.
- The owners of the two restaurants that will replace Monster B's introduced themselves. Chef Roy Nausik will open Tawa (relocating from downtown) this month. His business partner, Eric Monte, will open Tavern 489 within weeks. We talked about stopping by there after the GNA meeting in March.
- GNA Board Members will hold a meet-up this spring (likely at Tavern 489) for GNA members who would like to know more about GNA.
- Demolition is slated to begin at the old Joe G's (508 Glenbrook Road) this week. Once all the permits are secured, the developer will inform the GNA of the timetable. In addition to 43 rental units, he plans to open a diner on the first floor.

VISITORS/ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- Dave Avery who plans to start a neighborhood association in the Strawberry Hill area.
- Stephane Smarth (of Stamford Public Education Foundation) invited adults to consider mentoring a middle school student one afternoon a week (Tuesday at Dolan, other days at other middle schools.)
- Edith Targonski invited people to join the Parent Leadership Training Institute.
- Ron Colgan told about Project Music's plans for a public performance and the need for donated instruments.
- Lindsey Miller, who replaced Jay Fountain on the Board of Reps District 7, introduced himself.
- Frank Cerasoli, Board of Rep for District 15 introduced himself.
- Board of Education members Angelica Gorrio and Mike Altamura were present.
- State Representative, Caroline Simmons, invited constituents to meet with her at Donut Delight on Thursday 1/21 between 4:00 and 6:00.

PROGRAM

Jackie Lightfield, Executive Director of Stamford Partnership, addressed the group. Among other projects she told about Discover Stamford (phone app, website, and kiosk); outreach into neighborhood groups, and the potential for forming a coalition of neighborhood associations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and all were invited to stay to talk and to enjoy refreshments donated by Grade A.

Laurie Doig, Vice President
(subbing for Recording Secretary Becky Collins)