

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Wednesday, June 19, 2019  
Glenbrook Community Center

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Christie Fountain, GNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Anita Kozminsky indicated there are 247 residential and 68 business memberships.

**TREASURY REPORT:** Meryl McDaniel reported an \$1,800 balance will be forwarded. There are still some outstanding items so a final report will not be ready until June 30.

Becky Collins made a **Motion** to approve March 20, 2019 minutes that were posted on GNA website home page. Motion approved.

Marie Metz made a **MOTION** to have FY2019-2020 remain at \$10 individual; \$25 business. Motion approved.

Ben Lee made a **MOTION** to adopt the proposed budget for FY2019-2020 that was contained on the blue handout. Motion approved.

Melanie Soper made a **MOTION** to approve the proposed slate of board members that was contained on the salmon handout. Motion approved.

**REVIEW/UPDATES/NEWS since March 20 meeting:**

- Jerry Pia continues to fill in until a new operator is chosen for the Community Center
- Christie encouraged everyone to use the Fixit Stamford program to report issues.
- Everyone agreed that the Exit 9 bridge event went extremely smoothly. They did a great job. GNA will send out the time lapse video when it is available.
- Becky Collins reviewed the May 18<sup>th</sup> cleanup day (sunny at last) and MaryAnn Mara spoke on the 22 planters that were filled that day.
- City Carting tour was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. This will probably be offered only in the spring from now on, when it isn't dark outdoors.
- Monthly Meet-up: Zara Deluca detailed success of the Food Bank meet up as well as the May meet up at Tawa on the deck. A fun time was had by all.
- Grant Project: Two new "Welcome to Glenbrook" signs were installed last week.
- Historic Resources Inventory book was available for attendees to review. GNA donated a bound copy to the Stamford History Center in June.
- Scott McCauley detailed the two rain barrels GNA purchased with Giving Day funds for placement at the train station. It will help with watering the Liberty Garden.
- Melanie Hollas indicated the city planted 18 trees in Glenbrook this month.
- The Courtland Avenue intersection is complete and everyone was encouraged to use the new lights and crosswalks.
- Luke Buttonwieser, intern from Transportation, Traffic & Planning, spoke regarding Hope Street paving.

- Glenbrook Crossing (504 Glenbrook Rd) and other VCD commercial properties were discussed, as examples of changes during GNA's 20 years.

## **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- First time members, business members and visitors were recognized.
- New business members were recognized.
- Elected officials representing Glenbrook were introduced and each said a few words.
- Announcements:

Marie Criscuolo from Nicks Pizza updated everyone on the Block Party they were planning to host on Saturday, July 27 from 6:30-9:00pm. Paperwork for a permit was submitted a month ago and they are waiting to hear if the street can be closed or not. Updates will be provided. (Date was later changed to Saturday, September 28.)

Starry Night Fundraiser for Julia A Stark Elem School was announced by Nicole Um.

It will be held Friday, March 27, 2020. This raises funds for school programs.

Kate Lombardo from Food Bank of Lower Fairfield indicated they were in need of "latchkey-friendly" food items for the summer that kids can prepare in the microwave, not a stove.

There is a Cozy Hats and Socks Drive for Bennett Cancer Center, run by Kristine D'Elisa. Please leave items at 25 Oakdale Rd.

Stamford's Complete Count Committee representative is needed from Glenbrook, per an email from RJ Mercede, Chair of the Neighborhoods Subcommittee. This committee will facilitate ways to get the census message out through local neighborhood groups. Christie asked any member who might be interested to contact her.

## **PROGRAM**

"Representing Glenbrook" was an informal discussion with our City Reps from Dist 7 (Monica Di Costanzo and Lindsey Miller) and District 15 (Ben Lee and Tom Pendell). Also speaking were state reps Dan Fox and Matt Blumenthal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 and everyone enjoyed the 06906 cake provided by First County.

The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Submitted by Becky Collins, Recording Secretary, June 23, 2019