

GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
Glenbrook Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Christie Fountain, GNA President, called the meeting to order at 7:30. 67 people attended.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Christie indicated that we have 189 residential and 41 dues-paying business members, and have achieved 79% of our \$6,000 goal for dues and contributions in the FY2020 budget.

Becky Collins made a **Motion** to approve June 19, 2019 minutes that were handed out at this meeting. Motion approved.

REVIEW/UPDATES/NEWS since June 19th meeting:

- Zara DeLuca reviewed the July 24th and September 4th meetups.
- GNA clings and Historic Resources Inventory are available at every GNA quarterly meeting.
- Glenbrook Community Center is still looking for a new operator.
- Two rain barrels are installed at the train station, bought with Giving Day contributions. Watering the Liberty Garden is more efficient for volunteers.
- Everyone is encouraged to use FixIt Stamford, especially for illegal dumping.
- Stamford's Complete Count Neighborhoods Committee for 2020 Census has a Glenbrook rep -- Louise Petersen.
- Annual GNA newsletter, *Neighborhood News*, arrived in 06906 mailboxes in early September.
- Backside of agenda had updates re Transportation, Traffic & Parking in Glenbrook, e.g., paving and striping on Hope Street over the summer.

New Business/Coming Up

- Becky Collins previewed the upcoming October 19th annual fall cleanup.
- MaryAnn Mara detailed the mums that will be planted in the 22 planters at cleanup.
- Zara DeLuca announced the October 24th meetup at Lock City Brewing, which has just celebrated its second anniversary.
- 504 Glenbrook Road (Glenbrook Crossing) has started renting to tenants.
- Also in the Village Commercial District, the attorney for 521-527 Glenbrook Road (currently a gas station/ convenience store and former 3D Service auto repair) has requested a meeting with GNA's Design Review Committee. The new owner of 492 Glenbrook Road (with current tenants Tagliare, First Wok, Stained Glass Apple, and La Hacienda) will also meet with GNA re changes to that building. And the property on Crescent Street (with tenants Italian Deli, Crescent Bottles, Hot Tin Roof salon, and Parrots & Co.) is on the market.

Introductions/Announcements

- First time members, business members and visitors were recognized.

- Business member Accumark spoke on difficulty in finding workers for their open positions. Flyers were available.
- Elected officials representing Glenbrook were introduced.
- Nick's Pizza's 50th anniversary block party will be on Saturday, September 28th.
- Union Memorial Church's "Trunk or Treat" will be on Saturday, October 19.
- Starry Night Fundraiser for Julia A Stark Elem School was announced by Zara Deluca. It will be held Friday, March 27, 2020. This raises funds for school programs.
- High school student Grace Targonski spoke on September being childhood cancer month and about raising funds through Caring with Grace. She had lawn signs for anyone interested in displaying one.
- State Rep Matt Blumenthal talked about the recent "quiet hours" agreement reached with Metro North about train horn noise.

PROGRAM

"Meet the Candidates." Each candidate had two minutes to speak. Candidates speaking for Board of Finance were Geoff Alswanger; Mary Lou Rinaldi; David Kooris and Fritz Blau. Candidates for the BOE were Fritz Chery; Daniel Dauplaise; Jennienne Burke; Nicola Tarzia; Rebecca Hamman and Margaret Feeney. One-year vacancy for BOE candidates Jack Bryant and Eva Maldonado also spoke.

Marty Levine, special assistant to Mayor David Martin, outlined citizen participation on the city's boards and commissions and how one would go about the process if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35. Attendees stayed until 9:20 to enjoy refreshments (provided by Grade A), and to speak with candidates, Marty Levine, and one another.

The next quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Submitted by Becky Collins, Recording Secretary, October 6, 2019