



# Historic Water Tower Neighborhood

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Historic Water Tower Neighborhood Monthly Meeting  
Lake Park Pavilion's Marcia Coles Community Room

## Meeting Minutes

### OFFICERS

#### President

Gina Spang

#### President Elect

Toby Reynolds

#### VP Communications

Joan Miller

#### VP Special Events

Andrew Brusky

#### VP Membership

Laurel Maney

#### Treasurer

Bruce Thompson

#### Secretary

Sarah Marie Streed

#### Past President

Laurel Maney

### TRUSTEES

#### Area 1

(LaFayette Pl. to North Ave.)

Linda Cutler

Laurel Maney

Joan Miller

Tiffany Tinsey

Stephanie Van Alyea Quirk

#### Area 2

(North Ave. to Newberry Blvd.)

Jeff Bentoff

Andrew Brusky

Lloyd Dickinson

Angie Kvidera

Dawn McCarthy

Donna Neal

Sally Peltz

Toby Reynolds

Laura Shipley

#### Area 3

(Newberry Blvd. to

Edgewood Ave.)

Derek Brewer

Richard Kimball

Roger Luhn

Sandra McSweeney

Gina Spang

Sarah Streed

Bruce Thompson

### Business Meeting

#### 1) Officer reports

**President by Gina Spang** - Call to Order.

March Minutes approved. Joan proposed, Linda seconded, Minutes accepted.

#### 2) Committee and Liaison reports

#### Communications Report by Joan Miller

New editor of Northpoint Magazine Brandi Hayes loves our group and will give HWTN as much attention as we want. She showed last issue which featured Members Jeff and Julie Bentoff.

Joan and Andy have been working together on organizing Home and Garden parties.

#### Financial Report & Neighborhood Liaison Report by Bruce Thompson.

Currently, HWTN expenses are greater than our income; however, this is normal activity for this time of year.

North Avenue Task Force is going very well. Recent news coverage has pointed out that businesses are moving into the area and it's become new and vibrant.

MENA group has hired architect firm Kahler Slater to redesign the old Columbia St Mary's hospital

#### Membership Report by Laurel Maney

The membership committee is working on a booklet, identifying the milestone achievements of HWTN. It is a great way to memorialize the highlights of our advocacy and fun activities of the Water Tower Neighborhood.

The committee will put this and other info in a packet to introduce ourselves to new people moving into the neighborhood. There was also a suggestion that it be given out to everyone in the neighborhood.

Next the committee will focus on addressing lapsed members.

The neighborhood has about 400-500 households total. Approximately 175 households are members of HWTN.

The Lake Park Ravine Bridge is still under study.

### **Special Events by Andrew Brusky**

Earth Day Cleanup will be held Saturday April 21 beginning at 10 am. Meet at Back Bay Park and wear gloves.

There is a full slate of Home and Garden parties (six total). The kickoff is the Breast Cancer ShowHouse, this year at 1363 N Prospect.

New Member Maria Camera was introduced to the group.

### **Safety Committee**

Announcement that Bill Houghton is organizing block meetings discussing safety on the Terrace block—Derek will let us know how this goes.

The Safe Home Walk is May 31st. Officer Kline is leading the walk. We will walk around the area and look at some homes that are practicing crime prevention and some that are not and talk about various Crime Prevention practices. Walkers will meet at the Light House at 8:30 pm. (Note: this time could change if it is not completely dark—Officer Kline will keep us posted.)

Milwaukee Police Officer Kline gave report:

- Officer Kline introduced his chief Craig Sarnow, Lieutenant Chief of District 1.
- Officer Kline gave an update on the stabbing at St. Mary's hospital. There is an investigation at this time and he will post the results on Next Door within a few days. He pointed out that if anyone is ever at a hospital and wants an escort back to their car, the hospital is very willing and able to do so.
- Officer Kline went through the current list of suspects.
- Laurel's upstairs tenants who were visiting stood up to talk about their recent experience—their car was broken into twice. Officer Kline offered to do a crime scene walk thru with the tenant and the tenant gratefully accepted.
- Officer Kline showed us a gun safe for a car. We should be aware that people who have Conceal Carry permits often leave their guns in their care when they go to places where guns are not allowed. Because of this, guns are frequently stolen when cars are broken into. Gun Safes for Cars are a good way to address this problem.

### **3) New Business**

Announcement by Member Sue Grezka asking for volunteer docents at the Northpoint Light House. The Light House received an award from the city of Milwaukee. Every month there is a free lecture for members—the schedule is on the website.

President Gina Spang adjourned the business meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by HWTN Secretary Sarah Marie Streed