

ASSOCIATION OF GREAT NECK, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 14, 2011

President Joe Quinn called the Annual Meeting of the Association of Great Neck to order at 10:05 a.m. on Clark Beach with the following Board of Directors present: Jean Emerson, Secretary; Pam Ryan, Barbara Russell, Mary Coles, Cricket Wilbur, Joan O'Flynn, Bill Fabri, and Matt Borden.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Quinn announced that the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were laid out on the table to be taken for perusal. It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 19, 2011. UNANIMOUS.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Dick Fates (visiting Ireland) Joe read that \$48,600 in investments and \$27,000 in CDs are recorded, and he reported the current balance in checking is down due to the inordinate expenses of road washout incurred from the damage of winter storms, etc.. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. UNANIMOUS.

Scholarship Presentation

Joe explained the application arrangement which includes an essay of what it was like growing up on the Neck and the Board agreement to give two scholarships as recommended by the Scholarship Committee of Pam Ryan, Joan O'Flynn, and Jean Emerson. Jean presented a \$2,000 scholarship to each senior, Nicholas Manos and Stephen Hamilton, both undeclared majors at University of New Hampshire. They said a few words to the thirty plus members who were present.

Presentation of AGN Board of Directors and Officers for the 2011-2012 Year

Joe Quinn reported that the slate of Officers for 2011-12 reads as follows:

Joe Quinn, President
Pam Ryan, Vice President
Dick Fates, Treasurer
Jean Emerson, Secretary

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 year. UNANIMOUS.

The Board of Directors was presented for a vote as follows:

Mary Coles
Bill Fabri
Ann Mollica
Joan O'Flynn
Marcia O'Hara
Barbara Russell
Cricket Wilbur

It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of Board of Directors for 2011-2012. UNANIMOUS.

Joe commented that a presentation will be made to Bill Callahan, who is leaving the Board, at a later date. He asked for interested persons to come forward to volunteer and work for the good of the organization. He recognized Matt Borden, an ex-officio member, whom the Board won't let go because he is the physical component who hauls tables and cooking equipment to events and keeps the snow fence repaired along the parking lot..

Calendar of 2011 Events

Joe reviewed the list of upcoming events:

Yard Sale. May 21, Playground. For a table to participate, see Jim Prato.

Beach Party. June 25 is the possible date. Information will come from Pam Ryan as the date draws nearer.

Art-by-the-Sea. September 18, Yacht Club, 12 – 4 p.m. Interested parties make request to Joan O'Flynn.

Octoberfest. Bill Fabri commented that he is working with Little Neck, that the date as yet is undetermined, that it is a lot of work, but it is great fun.

Road Race. Go to "AssociationofGreatNeck.org" for more information. The date will be changed this year so as not to conflict with a race being held uptown.

Newsletter. The last hard copy of the newsletter will come out at the end of May/early June. In the future, it will appear on the website as the sandwich board at the Triangle will direct. The website run by Ray Angelo. To Stan Wood's comment from the audience about emailing to members, Joe answered that email changes make it confusing. The topic will be discussed at the June Board of Directors meeting.

Triangle. Deb Twining commented that the Triangle was just a pit a number of years ago! Now it is filled with perennials that only require volunteer work to weed, deadhead, and water from twelve helpers at one week per year and asked for volunteers on a sign-up sheet. She credited Steve Calef of Corliss Brothers for his contribution of plantings, expertise, and water to keep the Triangle so beautiful.

Calendar Shots. Jean Emerson explained the fund-raising plan for another AGN calendar for 2012 with photos selected from Great Neck residents which they can submit for eventual committee selection of 13 photos (12 months and a cover) to be ready before the Christmas season.

Beach and area cleanup. Barbara Russell asked for help in cleanup and offered cleanup bags to be filled and dropped off by the white gate at the top of Clark Beach road.

Raffle. Bill Fabri mentioned the 50/50 raffle which will be held again this year and is a great fundraiser every year.

Clark Pond Management Plan. Cricket Wilbur and her committee are working on a document to update facts on wildlife, habitat, and condition of Clark Pond to be ready in late summer.

Air Force Property. Wayne Castonguay, from the audience, spoke about the Proprietors of Great Neck wishing to sell the 40+ acres of high, dry land which will become available when the Air Force vacates the property upon their completion of restoring the acreage to its original state. It could be developed privately, and the Town voters have the power to improve that. He encouraged a vote for an Open Space bond at the ballot box next Tuesday.

Care of the beach. Joe explained that pram/kayak racks and boardwalk have just been installed. He urged care in handling any disks from a NH sewage treatment plant that might be recovered from the beach and to do the recovery with gloves, disposing of them carefully in trash receptacles. The observation deck (\$1400 spent with a budget of \$7500) will be worked on more this summer by the Town. He asked for volunteers.

Questions/Answers

One member commented that the road to the Neck, specifically Jeffrey's Neck Road, is pathetic and suggested taking the issue up with Town government. Joe promised to bring that up at the next Board meeting. Cricket said that a new water main will eventually be installed under the road.

Deb Twining mentioned that she and her husband had installed solar panels on 88 N. Ridge Road and, while the initial expense was \$14,000, they are paying no electricity bills and getting payback from the Town in checks.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. UNANIMOUS.