

## WHLAG Minutes

February 7, 2009

### Attendees

Dishon, Clay; Dysart, Laura; Eklund, Suzie; Korzun, Bill; Lindsey, Alberta; Mallon, Peg; Flaherty, Scott; Smith, Steve

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- Donations. Cliff is our first donator to the \$50 for 50<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Second donation was from O'Toole's, a \$50 gift certificate for a raffle, and for an O'Toole's catered backyard barbeque. Other donations include \$190 from the wish tree, and a \$250 donation from Women of the Moose. The latter is a restricted donation, books for children aged 9-11. \$1000 donated from Steve in memoriam for Janet Whitney.
- Wreathes Across America. We received a certificate of appreciation. We sold 50 wreathes, raising \$245, and placing 49 wreathes in Richmond cemetery. Laura received a letter about participating again. This could be a year-round fundraiser, starting once we're back at the park. November 25<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff for sales, a little earlier this year.
- WinterFest. We had a fantastic turnout! Thanks to Ruth for getting word out to public schools. We were able to distribute more fliers this time, because Ruth knew the right people within Richmond Public Schools. The book raffle/voting booth combo was a real hit, and Debbie Fellman's balloons, very popular. The inauguration tie-in for the crafts was also very nice. Sold 11 pictures, not many, but also working around the kinks to the process. \$50 PetsMart gift certificate for Shirley.
- Term Limits and Group Roles. We are not really utilizing the by-laws, which specify terms limits. Scott suggests term limits of 2 years. New roles, Ruth will be our RPS liaison. Laura will be our neighborhood group liaison, but will step down as co-chair. Openings for Secretary, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Events coordinators.
- Yuri's Night. To be held April 18<sup>th</sup>, since the 12<sup>th</sup> is Easter. Laura crafted a step-by-step project plan, looking for event coordinator. Doug will ask Richmond Astronomical Association if they want to come again. We will raffle off Yuri's Night t-shirts. Steve will order the party pack. Crafts/entertainment: vote for your favorite planet, paper model printouts, poster with the rockets. Movies. Peg will provide Tang.
- Sunday in the Park. Sponsored by city council and Friends of Forest Hill Park. Will be held July 10<sup>th</sup>, and we have been asked to participate again. Theme this year is Going Green. Last year we did seeds in a cup last year, which would work well this year. Group agrees to sponsor a table.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Clay had some ideas. Wants to avoid competing with Sunday in the Park. Suggests a July 9<sup>th</sup> invitation-only program, a Thursday evening, like what was done in 1959? Program with speakers, \$20 ticket. Scott suggests \$25, then two tickets could be \$50, matching the \$50 for 50<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Want to decorate with pictures from the archives, what the branch has looked like over the years, plus pictures from what we've been doing with WinterFest or Yuri's Night. Harriett Henderson backs what we're doing.

- Clay's Announcements. Clay is working on a conceptual plan, interested in enhancing children's section/emphasis. Wants to promote a book drive, or developing the community room further with something like a mounted projector.
- Treasurer's report.
- Next meeting, March 7th at 9:00 am at the library.