

**Wilton Community Center Board of Directors**  
**23 March 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present at Meeting:

Donna Crane - President, Sandy LaFleur - Member at large, Nicole Colvin-Griffin (late) - Member at large, Joanna Eckstrom - Treasurer, Alison Meltzer - secretary

- We reviewed some of our recent events. The chili cookoff in January and the comfort food potluck in February were counted as very successful and well attended events. The Valentine's event and St. Patrick's tea and poetry at Edgewater were attended by our faithful core of residents and guests, who expressed their sincere appreciation for our events. Joanna expressed her particular concern that the Edgewater events must be open to all and not limited to the seniors at Edgewater.
- Donna brought up a 'tightening of the ship': This will include scheduling regular meetings in advance and ensuring that minutes will be faithfully recorded and posted to the Town website. Donna will post the minutes. Alison will record them and distribute them to the Board members. Donna will distribute them beyond the Board as appropriate. We also discussed the need to determine who among us will be participating in working at our various events well in advance of the event to ensure that we are not understaffed.
- Upcoming Events:

The Luau is scheduled for Saturday 3/26. Donna advised that we will have 40+ attendees. She shared the menu that she has planned, along with recipes, in her handout. She will cook the chicken and the rice and make the salad, dessert and drinks. Nicole will prepare the fruit salad in pineapple bowls. Alison will prepare the sweet potatoes. Donna and Alison will be available for setup, during the event, and for cleanup. Nicole is uncertain of her availability. Sandy and Joanna are unavailable for this event. Alison will ask her daughter about tending bar for the event.

Sustainability Summit, 4/2: This event is sponsored by the Energy Committee and supported by NextGen Climate. Community Center is asked to provide light refreshments. Joanna advised that it is permissible for WCC members to submit for reimbursement if they provide refreshments for the event.

Chess event: May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Library. Local chess champion will take on all comers simultaneously!

Spring Tonic: Dawn Tuomala will present the art of making dandelion wine. Nicole will demonstrate some other type of spring tonic, yet to be determined. The tentative date of May 4<sup>th</sup> was proposed. Following the meeting, Dawn said that date was already taken. The event will happen on May 6<sup>th</sup> in the courtroom, at 7 PM. Admission will be \$5, \$4 for members.

April potluck on 4/30. We talked about a theme, but came to no conclusion. Following the meeting, Alison proposed repeating the soup swap potluck theme that was successful last year, and adding a salad bar to it. That idea was accepted. Joanna advised she will be unavailable for this event.

- Upcoming Edgewater events: 4/13 will be our next event. It will involve some kind of planting activity. Alison advised that she will likely be unavailable for this event.
- Sacred Heart Church update from Donna: Donna attended a meeting of the Lions Club to hear a presentation about the potential sale of the Maple Street church building. The prospective I buyer would like to make it a space for incubating businesses. She will do this as a nonprofit. She also wants the Open Cupboard Food Pantry to remain on the premises, moving from the rectory to a portion of the church hall. We discussed reaching out to the potential buyer to offer help and encouragement. Alison will make contact and offer to share some of the information we gleaned and generated through the process of trying to convince the Town to accept the building for the community center. We mostly agreed this would be a great outcome for the building, and are supportive of the idea.
- Annual Report: Donna asked advice of Joanna regarding what the writing of this will entail. Donna will generate the report. Joanna will provide the financials.
- WCC Bumper Stickers: Donna will pursue this
- Annual Meeting: We determined that June might be the best timing for this. Perhaps it will be a catered dinner for the members. This generated some discussion about the benefits of membership. We agreed that the newly solicited memberships need to carry some tangible benefit with them if we are to keep members interested in renewing every year. These benefits need to include discounts for our paid events.
- Regular Meetings: We decided that it would be beneficial to set a regular day for our meetings. We agreed upon the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the courtroom (pending no conflict with other groups who may use the space at that time). These meetings will be open to the public.
- Next Meeting - April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM in the courtroom (pending confirmation of space availability – Alison will confirm)

Respectfully submitted by Alison Meltzer, Secretary, Wilton Community Center