

**Walnut Beach Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 13, 2021 Firehouse Gallery**

All Officers in Attendance

Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

A Sign-up sheet was passed around the tables to also update e-mail information.

**President's Report – Wendy Terenzio**

Wendy spoke about the importance of attending meetings ... your voice can influence the direction of WBA.

Robin stepped down as Vice President back in July, Donna Travis has been helping in the interim. Motion made and passed for Donna to be Vice President until November elections.

Voting is in November ... if anyone has a nomination for office or would like to run for office, please bring it forward in our October meeting for consideration. All current officers have stated they would stay on if no one else comes forward.

Wendy asked and received permission to appoint the Volunteer of the Year herself since she is involved in all aspects of WBA. We will hear all nominations in October for volunteers.

Once again we have signed up for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" program ... For \$5 you can purchase a coupon that entitles you to 25% off almost everything in the store on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Several of us have done this in the past and saved tons of money. If you open a credit card on that day, you get additional 20% discount so it's VERY worthwhile. And we receive \$5 per coupon for doing nothing but distribution them.

CT Tourism contacted Wendy about having printed materials at the Big E about Walnut Beach but it was thought to be too late and people came from too far to be worth the money and effort.

Lease Agreement on Arch Property: Wendy knows someone who helped orchestrate the lease (Ron from the band "The Navels"). He will help Wendy to look into the details with the Town Clerk. Gail Williams from Beach Shore Village says her condo holds the lease. More info to come. We do know it expires in the next few years and we want to renew if at all possible.

Motion made and passed for an \$89 ad in the Milford Chamber of Commerce Directory.

**Vice President's Report – Donna Travis**

Donna looked into possibly having the Holiday Party at the VFW (upstairs hall); cost is \$400 for venue only. Wendy will make inquiries for Elks Club.

**Financial Report - Elana Zabari**

Operating (Main) Account: 11,134.33

Concert Series Account: \$7,186.67

Festival Account: \$4,047.24

TOTAL: \$22,368.24

This is a picture of our total assets but each account is subject to fluctuate as Elana spends more time unraveling the accounts and putting funds in their proper place. We are in good shape after the vast amount of our annual spending but bear in mind that we need to fund next year's activities.

Elana is working on bringing Paypal/Stripe payments UTD; insurances are UTD; IRS filings are now up to date.

### **Secretary's Report – Kim Thompson**

July meeting minutes were e-mailed and passed around tonight's meeting. Motion to accept minutes without changes passed unanimously.

### **Membership Report – Pam Parisi** (not present)

44 Paid plus 9 deposited by Wendy (not yet in Pam's report) 4 collected = 57 Actual Paid to date

### **Committee Reports**

**Blockwatch** (no representation)

### **Cornhole Tournament** (Erik Johnson)

Erik gave a summary of the event. Final income was \$1,546.86 net to WBA PLUS \$950 in gift certificates which were used at raffles for our Fundraiser. Great job, Erik and Laura!

### **Music** (Donna Travis)

The last 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is this week with music at the Firehouse Gallery from 5-7 and DJ Brian Smith at the Arch from 7-9.

### **Walnut Beach Arts and Business Association**

The last 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is this week with music at the Firehouse Gallery from 5-7 and the Art Stroll from 6-8 at the Business District with DJ Brian Smith at the Arch.

Farmers Market is Thursday from 4-7 at the Pavilion. The last Farmers Market is next Thursday, 9/23.

### **Walnut Beach Festival** (Cancelled, no report)

### **Concert Series** (Wendy Terenzio)

We had a great concert series this year with only one cancellation (one band was added to Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of their rainout date). Thanks to all who helped by volunteering. We had a volunteer buffet on our last concert to thank them all. NOTE: We are always looking for more volunteers!

### **Concert Series Fundraiser**

Ticket sales were 80; net income was about \$2,000+/- . Between fundraiser and 50/50 raffles, we should have enough to fund next year's concert series.

### **Beautification** (Melissa Wasik) No report

### **Government** (Simon McDonald)

Simon is attending the Alderman's meeting tonight which coincidentally is the same night as our meeting. He will report back to Wendy, who will forward any pertinent information.

### **Website** (Erik Johnson)

Erik took over the website to finally get it updated. While he can devote time over the summer, as a teacher he doesn't have the time to handle when school is in session. We need a few people to learn how to navigate so it can be done in a timely manner.

### **Scholarship** Wendy for Gean Brown (not present)

We propose to raise it to three \$500 scholarships if our budget allows (categories: the Arts, Environment and Community Service). Motion made and passed to call the scholarships the "Joe Garbus Walnut Beach Association Scholarship Fund."

### **Old Business**

Wendy has secured the display cases at Milford Library for next June to showcase Walnut Beach.

We are in need of volunteers ... Wendy has put together a notebook to keep track of who wants to volunteer and get everyone together for a meeting. IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER BUT DO NOT ATTEND MEETINGS, PLEASE E-MAIL OR CALL SOMEONE ON THE BOARD TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND INFO. All information is on our website.

### **New Business**

The Firehouse Gallery is planning to have live background music on October 17<sup>th</sup> along with their H2O exhibit.

Joe spoke briefly about the Stowe Barn Project; he spoke to the Mayor's office about possibly using the site as a Cultural Center. We would have meetings there, events, etc. The project would need several volunteers to get work done. By a show of hands, there was interest in going forward with the project. Joe wanted to be proactive on this because there is word of Yale putting in a proposal to buy the property.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse Gallery. Motion to adjourn made at 8:15, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim S. Thompson  
Secretary  
Walnut Beach Association