

Walnut Beach Association Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022 Firehouse Gallery

All Officers except Elana Zabari, Treasurer

Called to Order at 7:10 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

-The St. Patrick's Day Parade has been postponed to this coming Saturday ... we're looking for a few more people to join us, goal is 20. We have shamrocks painted with our events and are passing out our event postcards.

-The Parade Committee is also looking for more volunteers. Contact Mike McCabe

(attorneymikemccabe@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer; meeting at Irish Club Wednesday at 7:30.

-District 3 Alderman Marty Hardiman passed away; we are unsure how a replacement is found ... elected or appointed.

-Parking Issue – No change in Milford's position about no exemptions for parking fees on events. We have a survey on our website which we would like to see more opinions.

-Charles Island Music Festival taking place, will be Saturday, July 23rd.

-There will possibly be a Walnut Beach SUP Cup; Tina from Scoot & Paddle working on it.

-Mackenzie Beach Clean-up is Saturday, May 7th starting at 10 a.m.

-Giggling Pig Grand Opening is May 1st (changed from 7th stated at meeting); where Artfish42 was.

-Milford Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded WBA the "Community Revitalization Leader" award, Wendy displayed

-Merchandise will be through Bonfire.com (online orders) ... We will have a few samples of their work but we want to eliminate the storage, setup and volunteers needed to car the merchandise everywhere. It will be ready to roll out soon.

-Milford Chamber of Commerce will have an Business After Hours meeting this Wednesday from 5-7 at Orange Ale House; there will be a Devon Stroll Saturday after the Parade; there will be a panel on "Women in Leadership" at BIN100 on March 25th. Check their Facebook page for tickets.

Vice President's Report – Donna Travis (no report)

-Bands want to play our Summer Concert Series (this year is booked already); 23 additional bands inquired. We'll go back to voting process next year.

-Walnut Wednesdays bands appear on our postcards and website, check them out. Another free music event.

Financial Report - Elana Zabari (not present, no report)

Wendy reported that we may need a new Treasurer; two possible candidates being considered.

Secretary's Report – Kim Thompson

Minutes of last month's meeting were distributed via e-mail and handed out at meeting for review. Sign-up sheet is currently being passed around. Please sign if you have not already done so.

Motion to accept February minutes passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Pam Parisi 99 Paid Members

There are people who have paid twice and haven't contacted Pam to donate or apply to next year.

Committee Reports

Blockwatch (no representation)

Cornhole Tournament (Erik Johnson)

We have 6 lanes sponsored so far. Gift card donations have been received and will be used in a raffle at the tournament.

-We currently have 6 teams through sponsorship and 2 signed teams, total of 8 teams so far. We are looking to secure Tournament Sponsors ... if you know of any opportunities, please pass along to a board member or Erik Johnson.

We still need VOLUNTEERS to sign up and work this event; we have morning or afternoon shifts available.

Walnut Beach Arts and Business Association (Tina Pritchard)

-Zombie Run is Sunday, October 9th ... great fun with zombies chasing 5K runners ending with a party at the Pavilion with RumRunners, food trucks and cash bar.

-SUP Cup will possibly be June 11th

-A Mural will be painted at the building on the corner of Broadway/Naugatuck to beautify the area. We have a call for artists going out soon

-Storm Drain Art will be the 4 drains at that same intersection; being worked on after Mural

-No Pumpkins on the Pier this year; Boys & Girls Club of Milford does not have the volunteers necessary.

Walnut Beach Festival No event this year as of yet.

Concert Series (Wendy Terenzio) (no report)

Concert Series Fundraiser (No report)

-Looking at two venues: VFW Hall, similar to our Holiday Party or Kiki's Patio

-Meeting attendees thought the price should remain around \$35-\$40

Beautification (no report)

Government (no report)

Website (Erik Johnson)

Erik was wondering who won the previous scholarships so we can list on the website. We've received \$1,000 from Milford Bank and \$2,500 Gold Sponsorship from Trinity Point Wealth, added to website for recognition.

Old Business

New Business

-Advertising a small block in the St. Raphael Parish weekly pamphlet (given at both St. Ann's and St. Gabriel's churches) ... \$445 for one year. Motion passed.

-Ads for Milford Living magazine were discussed; we had previously considered but cost is too high.

Motion passed to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, April 11th at 7 p.m. Firehouse Gallery.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim S. Thompson, Secretary, Walnut Beach Association