

WORMAN'S MILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION (WMCA)

APPROVED MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

November 17, 2010

Frederick Community College (FCC)

Board of Directors Present: Carol Goldstein, President; Allan Carlson, Vice-President; Judy Haines, Treasurer; Lois Benjamin, Director – At – Large; Dick Menzer, Director – At – Large; and Noel Farmer, Secretary

Board of Directors Absent: Vicki Myers, Director – At – Large

I. Election of WMCA Board of Directors for 2011

Carol Goldstein, President, introduced Tom Gill who conducted the election of the WMCA Board of Directors for the 2011 year. Based on a motion from the floor and no nominations from the floor, the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

President: Carol Goldstein

Vice-President: Allan Carlson

Treasurer: Judy Haines

Secretary: Noel Farmer

Director – At – Large: Dick Menzer

Director – At – Large: Lois Benjamin

Director – At – Large: Vicki Myers

Carol concluded this section of the program by complimenting the above officers for their service during the 2010 year.

II. Announcements

President Goldstein made the following announcements:

- A. December 8 WMCA General Meeting – The program will feature the Directors of Economic Development for Frederick City and County. It will be the last WMCA meeting at FCC. The deadline for registrations for this meeting will be December 3, 2010.
- B. December 15 Holiday Party – This program will feature the Rock and Roll Relics and will be held at the Clubhouse. Attendees can bring their own finger food, soda, and BYOB while the WMCA will provide cups, napkins, potato chips, pretzels, and water. If any wine is left after the December 8 WMCA General Meeting, it will be brought to the Holiday Party. The Holiday Party will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be free for members. Non-members will be charged \$6 which will be put toward WMCA Association dues for 2011. There will be a limit of 80 participants. The Registration Deadline is December 10, 2010.
- C. Schedule for 2011 at Homewood – The new WMCA General Meeting location will be Homewood and members will be charged \$16 and non-members will be charged \$20. There will be a cash bar provided at each General Meeting. There is a deadline which is earlier than in the past. It

will be one week prior to the meeting. If a reservation is made, and the commitment not kept, or if a cancellation occurs after the number to attend is sent to Homewood, the price of the reservation must be paid. The WMCA Association is now responsible for any reservation not kept. If there is a late reservation which will fill the vacant one, then there will be no charge. Maps and directions were provided as handouts at this meeting.

- D. Speaker Schedule for 2011 – Carol Goldstein announced the following speaker schedule for 2011:
 - 1. January 19 – Nick Falcone
 - 2. March 16 – The Frederick Mayor and Joe Adkins
 - 3. May 18 – Galen Clagett
 - 4. September 21 – Blaine Young
 - 5. November 16 – Directors of the State and City Highway Administration
 - 6. December 7 – Holiday Party
- E. Enrollment Drive for 2011 – Carol announced that there would be an enrollment drive for WMCA membership beginning in January 2011.
- F. Conservancy election in April – Carol announced that there would be a Conservancy Forum for the election of three positions on the Conservancy and stressed the importance in voting for these three positions.
- G. New Publication – Carol announced a new publication by Allan Joseph, a resident in Worman’s Mill. His new book is entitled, “Masked Interventions.” She stated that she would continue the practice of crediting and citing publications that Worman’s Mill residents have written.

III. Guest Speaker

Carol introduced Detective Robert Marker, the point man in dealing with the numerous gangs in the city of Frederick. A gang analyst, Detective Marker has made it his business to disseminate information to the gang coordinators assigned to each patrol squad. It is through his efforts that the Frederick Police Department is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Gang Investigator Network, which collects and tracks all gang related information from internal and external sources.

Detective Marker stated that his major focus is educational in his current position. He stressed that it is not a crime to be a member of a gang. He related that the Frederick Police Department’s anti-gang strategy consists of an integrated multifaceted response in which the entire agency is engaged. The strategy consists of a four-pronged approach to combat gangs through enforcement/community policing, education, prevention, and investigation/intelligence sharing. He believes that combating gangs must be a team effort not only from within the agency but through the partnerships with citizens, schools, businesses, prosecutors, and other law enforcement agencies. In addition to arresting criminals, outreach and education efforts are

critical. He also stated that combating gangs is inextricably linked to combating an array of other, often related criminal activity, to include illegal drugs, certain violent crimes and property crimes, graffiti, prostitution and human trafficking, and terrorism.

Det. Robert Marker addressed the following topics in his speech:

1. MD Law 9-801 (Gang Definition)
2. Validating a Gang Member
3. Factors Contributing to “Gang Involvement”
4. Signs of Possible Gang Activity
5. Gang Members in the Military
6. Philosophies of the Bloods, Crips, and Ms-13
7. Gang Language
8. Hand Signs of Gangs

He related that there were 29 active gangs in Frederick City, and there have been 300 gang members validated in Frederick City. In addition, he stated that there are gang members living in Worman’s Mill. He continued with a listing of the various gangs in Frederick that comprise the Bloods, Crips, MS-13 Gangs, 18th Street Gangs, and other Gangs in Frederick. He encouraged the citizens of Worman’s Mill to report Gang Activity to the local police.

IV. Adjournment

After adjournment was approved, the raffle for the fifty dollar dinner coupon for the Dutch’s Daughter Restaurant was conducted.

Submitted by,

Noel Farmer, WMCA Secretary