



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2013
Kindred Hospital Dining Hall, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (27)

Steve Adams, Jacob Anderson, David Beckett, Latonya Beckett, Patricia Buck, John Canning, Kathy Deis, Joan Gielas, Pam Grove, Tom Hardy, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Susan Larkin, Julie Peterson, Henry Reese, Sheila Sechler, David Solosko, Gregory Spicer, Barbara Talerico, Katie Tarara, Christine Toevs, Ruth Tomlin, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Craig Worl, Jeff Wuerthele, Al Zanon

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in Kindred Hospital's Dining Hall, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting on 06/10/13, being posted on the web site beforehand, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by David Barbara Talerico.

Garden Theater Block

Wayne Zukin reported on Garden Theater Block topics

- Targeting to close on Phase I (Garden Theater and Masonic Building) at the end of July or beginning of August.
- Financing is all lined up.
- Leases are in place.
- Almost finished negotiating construction contract.
- Permit drawings are almost complete.
- Can file permits and start construction once closing is complete.

Calvary United Methodist Church / United Methodist Church Union / 1400 Buena Vista

Reverend Larry Homitsky, pastor at Calvary United Methodist Church, and president of United Methodist Church Union, spoke about plans for the church at 1400 Buena Vista.

- United Methodist Church Union is a nonprofit organization that will be operating a number of small churches including New Hope United Methodist, and Buena Vista United Methodist.
- Calvary is the "mother" church of Pittsburgh Parish, which includes Calvary UMC, New Hope UMC, Church of Our Saviour, and Emanuel UMC.
- Church Union is substantially funded by corporations and endowments.
- Church Union is interested in partnering with the Allegheny City Central Association.
- Have greatly cleaned up the 1400 Buena Vista site since taking it over at the end of May.



- I400 Buena Vista site will be focused on children's ministry. It will host classes for children for meal preparation and nutrition.
- These classes have been held at Calvary, but there isn't enough room there.
- The I400 Buena Vista site will hold up to 20 or 30 children in classes.
- Will use the accompanying lot for a garden that the children will work.
- The current program hosts children from 7-13 years old.
- The program will be open to all children in our community. Scholarships will be available. The fee last year without a scholarship was \$25/class.
- The program has been in existence for 8 years.
- The I400 Buena Vista site will not be used for a feeding program. That will operate out of New Hope.

Doug's Market

Latonya and David Becket spoke about taking over the operations of Doug's Market at 1327 Arch Street.

- David is Doug's son. He and Latonya have just returned to Pittsburgh after David's 11 years of service in the Army.
- Have reorganized the store.
- Have expanded the hours: 8-7 M-F and 9-5 Sat & Sun.
- Working on a new website and blog.
- Have introduced many new products including fresh vegetables and fruit, brown eggs, cheese, and chicken from an Amish farm.
- Working on a lunch menu.
- Interested in being involved in the community.
- Avid runners and want to start a running club.
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/dougsmarket
- Twitter: twitter.com/dougsmarket
- Email: dougsmarketpittsburgh@gmail.com

Neighborhood Learning Alliance

Jordan Romanus from the Neighborhood Learning Alliance spoke about their program.

- Neighborhood Learning Alliance is located in Garfield.
- They received funding from the United Way to get people involved in Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- They are providing tutoring and a guide to graduation.
- They are looking for volunteers for any kind of help, but particularly need help during the summertime for summer school.
- There are 10 different sites within the city of Pittsburgh that are operating summer schools.
- Their primary focus is on high school students.

Safety

Steve Adams reported on safety topics.

- Still working on getting cameras installed on the Brown AME Church. Working out some details with the pastor and the installer.

Light of Life

Greg Spicer reported on Light of Life's progress in their effort to consolidate and move off of North Avenue.



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- The NSLC formed a social services committee in response to Light of Life's plan to move to Ridge Avenue.
- Both Light of Life and Allegheny West working out issues with the services that will be provided on Ridge Avenue. Not wanting to provide emergency services for non-residents at that location. Need to find a suitable location for those services.
- Haven't found a location for emergency services yet that all parties can agree on.

Branding

Greg Spicer reported on the rebranding effort.

- Talked with Thor Erikson at the Design Center.
- The Design Center is fine with us using the \$15,000 grant we received from them to create a new strategy for rolling out the new brand since the city's public art commission shot down our idea of doing pole banners.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Meeting minutes prepared by Arthur James, secretary.
Minutes approved on 9/9/13 with corrections.



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