Notes

Treasurer’s Report, PBNA General Meeting, May 12, 2014

Receipts – General Fund - Nice pop in wreath profits this year. Netted $1,315 vs. $941 last year. To my surprise, residents were not deterred by our wreath price hike to $20 from $16; plus we received more voluntary contributions, $1,495 vs. $1,191, and absorbed a wreath price hike from $35/box to $38.50/box. At our council/board meeting in January we decided to hang wreaths on the even side of West Newton next year, omitted in the recent past, I think, because the even side is not in the PBNA, but in the Rutland Sq association. Anyway, purely for esthetics and being good neighbors we will need to buy a couple more boxes of wreaths next year. Also, everyone present recommended that throughout the neighborhood, the wreaths not be hung so high, more in line with what we see elsewhere, notably Braddock Pk.

General Fund – Expenses – This year the board decided to contribute $200 to our south end library. Head librarian, Ann Smart, takes great care of us. She loaned us a table we desperately needed at the last moment to facilitate wreath preparation last December and also goes out of her way, even if it means staying late, to provide us our usual meeting space. The board also, reluctantly, decided to trim the garden tour donation to $200 next year. The garden tour donation has been granted an exemption for years to the board’s general policy of encouraging residents to donate individually to the many deserving causes here rather than through the PBNA.

Door Hangers – Proposed by Pat Plunkett and implemented by Bobby Canzano. I think the bullet item that discourages space savers was very effective this past winter.

Alley Fund – Receipts ballooning this year to $950 through May 5, in response to my recent alley maintenance fund raising appeal flier circulated throughout the PBNA neighborhood except to the even side Pembroke St residents and odd side West Newton St residents. I am holding off on the latter so as to not conflict with the alley paving appeal which has been ongoing for the past year. Also, I will be out of town from May 7 through May 19, and I most certainly will circulate my flier there when I return. I have asked Scott to provide fliers at this evening’s meeting to accommodate any who might want to contribute now.

Alley Expenses – Have been moderate the last couple of years, but the g.d. tiller gave out this spring and had to be replaced. Our expenses, as well as our revenues, will moderate somewhat in the future if alley paving initiatives pick up steam, as they seem to have in the West Newton/Pembroke alley.

Complete alley maintenance accounting of contributions and expenses from 2007 to the present, plus a ten year summary of wreath revenues and expenses will be appended to this year’s treasurer’s report on the PBNA’s web site by PBNA secretary Scott Mabel. Hard copies can be provided by Scott or me on request.

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