

SLA Monthly Meetings – Chapter #31

Bill Soules made a motion and all voted in favor to schedule the 2001 meetings for the second Saturday of each month. This would provide the same time each month and avoid conflict with the opening of pike and bass seasons. Rich would contact Camp Asbury to secure the dates.

Roger Covell talked about the renovation of Epworth Hall and invited the SLA to the Open House on July 1, 2000. The hall had achieved landmark status but was in a deteriorated state. It was deeded back to the Silver Lake Institute from the Methodist Conference in April of 2000. The Institute and the Renovation Committee planned on opening the hall to the public.

Bill Harrington requested to have accountings of the fireworks and the harvesting funds on a routine basis. Lorraine gave a verbal report and Roy would work with Mary Gillett to produce a report in the near future. It was asked if the June meeting could be moved up, but the meeting had to be coordinated with the flare deliveries from the Conesus Lake Association.

It was asked by a board member if the SLA should meet twice in July so that it would enable to get Board business done. Consensus was no but rather to increase the time the SLA met before the general membership session. It was motioned to hold the Board meeting from 8 am to 9 am in a separate room at Koinonia Inn. Bill Soules was the only opposed vote.

Rich Eliaz opened the March 2003 meeting in the absence of President Bill Soules. A prayer was said for John Pachuta who died March 4th. It was said he would be missed. Mary Gillett then introduced guest Beth Casseri of the Country Club Membership Committee who wanted to learn more about the SLA.

The YMCA Tract submitted a petition to change the tract name back to Palmer Grove. Sue Griffin made the motion for the change of the tract name; the SLA board approved. Private Drive #3 submitted a petition to remove that neighborhood from inclusion in Traber South Tract and omit references to Graham. Rich motioned the change; the SLA board approved the change.

Bill Soules mentioned to the board, because of the “No Charge” for the SLA’s use of Epworth Hall for their meeting, he asked approval for the SLA to donate \$100 towards the Institute’s window fund. Dick asked if the SLA would donate more since each window costs \$500. The motion was accepted to donate “\$500/actual cost of the window”. It was seconded by Mick Griffin and passed by the board.

President Ruth Lavin called the September 2005 meeting to order and opened with a presentation to Epworth Hall in the amount of \$500 to Epworth’s Window Fund. Julie Hoffner of the Silver Lake Institute accepted the check.

At the October 2005 meeting Roy Schneggerburger said that 2006 was the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and volunteered to bring a flag so that the SLA could open its meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance, Rich motioned and the board approved. Camp Asbury was willing to store the flag for the SLA.

When it was mentioned to send in information to Lorraine for the newsletter, Bayne Johnson asked if the SLA should forego mailing it and put it on the website. Doug Klein added, hard copies were a positive and the SLA should try both printing and posting for 1-2 years. Linda Holz said both were needed as not everyone had a computer. Steve asked if the version of the newsletter on the website would be longer/shorter than the printed issue because of space restrictions or costs on the website.

Requests were made for approval of the standing committees. Bill Soules resigned as Co-Chair of the Water Quality Committee. Roy Schneggerburger volunteered to be part of the Committee as a resident representative.

Clarification was made that Bill Soules would still be on Water Quality committee, but Mary Kay Barton would take his place on the Executive Committee as the Water Quality Chairperson. Ruth asked SLA President Dick Swanson, if he planned to keep Wind Turbine Committee active and if he planned to attend Town meetings? Dick responded, saying that he would prefer questions to be asked ahead of time so that he had time to prepare a response to the group. Mary Jo added that anyone who had a question/concern could email Dick Swanson and request a response at next meeting.

Ruth thanked all volunteers for their time spent and for making her job as President easier. She also thanked her husband Peter for keeping records, making awards and spending hours of time helping and giving her support. Gabi then thanked Ruth. Betty Nasca gave Ruth a Certificate of Appreciation for 4 years as President. Ruth followed by presenting 3 awards: Bayne Johnson-Tract Director for 7 years & Budget/Finance committee member; Sharon Andrews-6 years as Alternate Tract Director; and Mary Kay Barton-6 years on the Board and numerous committees as well as chair of Water Quality Committee.

It was asked if the SLA should open up committees to members other than tract directors and alternates. Dick said a way around this was to have TDs have as many alternates as they like. It was mentioned that committee members must be SLA members.

Susan Griffin asked if we should we have more Directors for larger tracts such as the Silver Lake Institute. Mick Griffin agreed and motioned to divide the SL Institute into 4 tracts. After Julie 2nd the motion a discussion pursued. Ruth said that Dave Boersma (TD of SL Institute) was not present and he should have input into this process. Then a concern over voting on issues relating to the SL Institute and Institute Board was commented on. Dick Swanson requested that the Association not vote on such an important issue at that time and suggested working on this matter at an Executive Committee meeting with Dave Boersma. Mick withdrew the motion pending immediate action on this issue. The goal was to have a proposal to vote on in March of 2010. An attempt would be made to include any changes in the directory.

Dick was concerned that the Winter Newsletter was sent out without final approval of mailing list. Some members may not have received a newsletter. Julie suggested Mark Maussner could print out extras to have available for Tract Directors at next meeting. Dick suggested that the SLA should look into other options for printing. Frank Bright asked what percentage of people had email. Could the SLA newsletters be emailed? Dick mentioned that the SLA was trying to implement this system via the new website. The SLA had a very incomplete email list at that time. Linda Holz added that some people did not want to give email information because they do not have computer access here at lake.

Tom Kaufman asked if the SLA could combine smaller tracts so there would be a need for less Tract Directors. Dick responded by saying that the Board tried that with Private Drive 3 and it was difficult for someone outside of tract to do. Dick continued saying that the SLA needed more people involved in the group and needed more people to help implement our progress on various issues and projects.

Bill Soules suggested that the SLA needed a Historian. He continued that somewhere there were file cabinets with files for SLA and was unsure of the location. He said he would contact Elaine Cook to see what she did with the files when Lorraine took over. Bill Soules had talked to Lorraine about the location of the files. It was learned that all the information was turned over to Rich Elias. The Association had purchased 2 two drawer file cabinets. Rich was planning on placing historical information in the Castile library. Ann Heizmann suggested it would be better to give it to the Castile Historical Society, rather than library.

Pete Mairs asked for SLA to attend a Silver Lake Institute meeting to discuss and review the possible closing of the Silver Lake Post Office. Tom Kaufman also brought up that a SL Institute resident wanted to promote a Shakespeare on the Lake production of Romeo & Juliette. Julie Cirferni was looking for support for this production in form of a sponsor to write a grant, a cottage for the actors to stay at, or money to support the purchase of materials to the build stage, etc. Bill said the SLA needed to organize the information and figure out what exactly they needed as far as money.