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## AHNA General Meeting Minutes --- December 4, 2017

**Board Members Present:** Yvonne Matthews, Carol Padberg, George Annan-Kingsley, Louisa Barton Duguay, Nancy Rion & Janice Castle.

**Board Members Absent:** Paul O'Mara, Dean Amadon, Michelle McFarland, Moureen Bish, Chris Montross, Mark McKinney, Jackie McKinney, Ken Johnson, Nancy Caddigan

**AHNA Members & Staff Present:** Ofc. Sid Palmieri, Lt. Martin Cunningham, Shelley best, Mia Douglas, Marcy Miller, Joe Bumpers, Lloyd Carter, Cathy Zeiner, Barbara Robbins, Mike McGarry, Ted Carroll and Bernie Michel

**Visitors:** Diane Cantello, Keturah Kinch, Deb Barrows, Frank Williams, Marian Leist  
The meeting was called to order by Yvonne Matthews at 6:15. About 25 participants introduced themselves. Yvonne recognized Nancy Rion for her quiet, behind the scenes work in the neighborhood and for AHNA.

The November minutes were approved.

**Police Report:** Asylum Hill's CSO, Sid Palmieri reported that a new security officer working on Gillette St is helping situations there. Panhandling is slowly decreasing due to collaboration with the courts and Journey Home. Officers are giving panhandlers a list of services available to those in need. Package thefts are increasing as the holidays approach. Residents are asked to report missing packages to the police.

### Finance Report:

Beginning balance on 11/1/17	\$14,859.20
Deposits and other credits	\$6,100.00
Withdrawals and other debits	\$1,704.53 (1582.72 payroll; 77.94 OTC Brands;
Shoprite 14.47; USPS 29.40)	
Ending balance on 11/20/17	\$19,254.67

Yvonne encouraged all residents to become members of AHNA

### Voices from the Neighborhood and Announcements:

- Caroling in the Park will be Dec 14
- Fresh Start Pallet is moving to Veeder Place
- A new life sized nativity is in front of the Cathedral
- January 5-7 is the Boar's Head Festival at AHCC
- The Little Free Pantry at 202 Laurel St is visited often and needs more food
- Grace Lutheran is offering a free puppet show, ballet and service on Christmas Eve
- Grace Lutheran is holding a Youth Dance on Dec 30 for Hartford youth
- Wheeler Clinic is opening on 43 Woodland St. It is a family health and wellness center offering primary care, dental, nutritional and behavioral health services
- Debra Barrows from Community Partners in Action spoke about community service court

- Hartford Community Leaders is a local public access TV show on Tuesday afternoons that focuses on positive actions in Hartford. They seek to interview Hartford leaders.
- Rodents are becoming a problem at Sigourney Muse. Residents should call 311.

**Report from the City – Janice Castle:**

- Resident booklet: Janice shared the City of Hartford Services Resident Guide for fall and winter. In English and Spanish, it is a pilot project – also available on line.
- Leaf pickup: Bagged leaves will be collected this week in Asylum Hill
- Disney on Ice – Jan 11-15. The Mayor's Pass is available for \$12 each for Hartford residents.

**I-84 Update:** Marci Miller reported that public forums will continue in 2018 to discuss the interchange and the location of the train station.

**AHNA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** The celebration will be February 12, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 at The Hartford. Ted reported that electronic and hard copy invitations have been sent to non-profits. General invitations will be sent in early January. He encouraged those present to sign up and to encourage their friends and neighbors to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 with attendees encouraged to stay for holiday goodies.