

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

The board meeting for Northeast Neighbors & Friends was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Linda Westergaard on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at Dahl's on E. 33rd St. In attendance at this meeting were Valerie Madison, Norm Kamm, Shelly Rodriguez, Bill Martin, Linda Westergaard and Marge Ramsey. Lorraine Eldredge and Carole Westbrook were absent.

First item of discussion was regarding changing the time of our board meetings. It was agreed by all except one not to change the time.

The speaker for Monday's meeting is Jan Corderman. She has been head of ASCME/Iowa Council 61, organized National Union of Hospital & Health Care Employees and works presently at H&R Block, Iowa State Fair and other places.

For our March meeting, we have a lady from AARP as a speaker.

Marge gave a Treasurer's report. We still have \$963.19 in our grant funds and \$591.95 in operating expenses.

Next item of discussion was the "Little Free Libraries". Linda contacted Tom Hockensmith regarding this project and he had her call Lisa Moody-Tunks since she is in charge of the Polk County Betterment Grants. Lisa gave her approval but stated that we need to spend the rest of our grant money very soon. Linda has contacted John Kauffman from Kauffman's Wood Kreations from Eagle Grove and he said he would make the "little free libraries" for \$375 each with a commitment of 8 libraries. In order to make a commitment of eight, Douglas Acres would purchase three, NEN&F would purchase three, and Linda will purchase two (one for herself and one for her daughter). Mr. Kauffman will paint these and deliver them to Des Moines. Motion was made by Shelly Rodriguez, second by Valerie Madison to purchase the three from the balance of our grant money (\$963.19) and the rest (\$161.81) will come from our operating expenses. Motion approved. Marge Ramsey wrote the check for \$1,125.00 and gave to Linda who will order these today.

The next discussion item was applying for a new grant for this year. Marge will submit the grant application for \$4,000.00 before the end of February for the following:

\$2,000.00 for additional "free little libraries"

\$1,000.00 for t-shirts (a limited number will be for volunteers and sell the rest for a Fundraiser)

\$ 600.00 for web maintenance

\$ 400.00 for printing of postcards that will have pictures of our “free little libraries” and addresses of where they are located

Linda said that the attendance for the Douglas Acres dinner at The Euclid Room was not as good as she had hoped. There was a lot of food left over.

Marge will also prepare the reporting form to Lisa for the grant we received in 2013 without waiting for the cancelled check from Kauffman’s Wood Kreation. The check can be sent in at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

Marge Ramsey, Secretary/Treasurer