

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
JANUARY 23, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Tania Hunt. Tania introduced the Board and told of her goals for the coming year.

Doua Lor of the Des Moines Police Department thanked us for our support of the Police Department. He said everyone should have the body cameras by March. Guardian project - getting more donations every day and will provide for body cameras if one goes bad, etc. Neighborhood meetings are now out on the police department website.

There were no minutes to review from the prior month since that was our Holiday party.

The Treasurer's report was given. As of the end of December, there was a bank balance of \$1,111.88; of which \$822.98 was grant money and \$288.90 was operating expenses. After the Board meeting on Saturday, \$20.00 was deposited for two individual memberships which will be added to the operating expenses.

The subject then turned to a grant for the upcoming year. It was decided that we would apply for the same as we did last year and for the same things.

Valerie suggested that we give the library \$50 and get some books from them. Valerie also has a friend who has a lot of books.

The motion was made by Connie Boesen to pay the libraries \$100 for books; second by Kevin Marken. Motion was approved.

Since there was no money to reimburse Marge last year for ink cartridges and paper that she uses through the year, the motion was made by Connie Boesen to reimburse Marge a total of \$200 for supplies for two years. Second by Valerie. Motion carried.

The subject of postcards that Linda was going to have printed came up. Connie Boesen said that Polk County could do the printing for less than Staples. She will contact Linda to see if she had already taken them to Staples to be printed. We have to allow enough money for the printing.

Motion was made by Valerie to give a \$25.00 gift certificate from Fusioon's Restaurant to Doua Lor in appreciation of what he has done for us and other neighborhoods. This could be combined with a "congratulations" for the award that is being presented to Doua on Friday. Second by Kevin Marken. Motion carried. This will come out of our operating expenses.

Connie Boesen and Natasha Newcomb from the School Board attended the meeting and explained what was happening there regarding legislation, etc.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Jim Wickham then spoke regarding the ACCENT neighborhood. He said that after the February 21st meeting, ACCENT might no exist since they cannot get anyone to run for office.

Highland Park just went through this and a couple of new people (Drew Kelso and Billie Peterson) stepped up and volunteered to run for office.

The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, February 25th, at 9:00 at Financial Plus Credit Union at East 29th and Euclid.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Valerie Madison; second by Shelly Rodriguez at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey
Secretary/Treasurer