

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**  
**EAST SIDE LIBRARY**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, January 4, 2016, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marge Ramsey, Chair.

The minutes were reviewed and Carole Westbrook made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Second was made by Lawrence Malmin. Motion was approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Ramsey. We have \$218.18 left as balance of our grant application. We have \$314.30 in operating expenses making a total in the bank of \$595.49. The bank has put a hole on \$23.88 for Facebook posting.

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department was our first speaker. He congratulated Linda Westergaard for being elected to the City Council and to the rest of us for carrying on. He stated that there had been 21 homicides in Des Moines in 2015 and that is more than we have had in the past.

Since our next regular meeting would be February 1<sup>st</sup> and that is caucus night. Paul Sadler made the motion that Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting be cancelled. It was second by Candice Brown. The motion was approved.

However, the Northeast Neighbors and Friends Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Financial Plus Credit Union located at East 29<sup>th</sup> and Euclid Avenue.

Paul Sadler told about UPNA's meeting that will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Alex Piedras talked about the new student center at Grandview and talked about anyone visiting if they wanted to. He talked about the cafeteria and said you could get a good meal for \$7 if we wanted to come over for lunch. The cafeteria is open from approximately 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and it is open on the weekends. Discussion was made about meeting there some morning for breakfast and our board meeting. He said they wanted Grandview University to be part of the community.

There was no news from Grays Wood, Fairmont Park, or Capitol Park.

Linda told about the Girl Scouts decorating lunch bags for Christmas presents for the residents at Union Park Health Center. A group of us met at K-Mart one Saturday and purchased tissues, notebooks, and hand lotion to put in them. Carole Westbrook donated Christmas cards to be put in each bag and then we delivered the bags to the 75 residents of the Union Park Health Center.

We also rang bells one evening for the Salvation Army.

Linda Westergaard then told us of what she has been doing since she was elected to the City Council. She talked about Grandview University, her meetings with the owner of Eastgate and how he is willing to do whatever it takes to get something done, about Ward 2 needing people to fill out the paperwork to be on Boards and Commissions, and about getting a stop light on East 42<sup>nd</sup> and Hubbell. The public swearing in for the new City Council members will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. We should be there if at all possible.

The next item brought up was the Betterment Grant Application which is due by February 28<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the items we had listed at the Board meeting and after a lengthy discussion, it was thought that we should ask for \$500 for books, \$1,000 for four libraries, \$600 for web maintenance, \$1,000 for school supplies, and \$500 for Christmas for seniors. This would be a total of \$3,600. There is nothing in there for advertising or copying or anything for our Holiday Party. We decided we would vote on this at our next meeting; however, we will not have a February meeting because of caucus so will have to take a vote via e-mail.

It was also discussed buying stickers or labels and putting Northeast Neighbors and Friends on the inside cover of our books in the Free Little Libraries that we have to promote our group.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Marge Ramsey***

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Acting Secretary