

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$852.00 as of the end of December. \$400.05 was grant money; and \$451.95 was our operating expenses.

Linda said it was time to send in a grant report to the Polk County. It can be done on line now.

Discussion centered on if we wanted to apply for a grant for this coming year. It was decided that we would ask for \$2,000 -- \$600.00 for Dennis Dyer to maintain our website and \$1,400.00 for advertising purposes (postcard printing, postage, envelopes) to promote Northeast Neighbors and Friends.

Motion by Marylyn Bruce that we pay Dennis Dyer the sum of \$200.00 for maintaining our website. The motion was second by Carole Westbrook. Motion carried.

Linda talked about the direct mailing service whereby it ends up costing 14.5 cents per piece to mail a newsletter. Douglas Acres uses it and it saves quite a bit.

Next item for discussion was the speakers that we want for 2013. Following is a tentative list and Linda will check with Polk County for services that they offer. Rebuilding Together was mentioned as a potential speaker.

- February – Linda will check with Hy-Vee to have a nutritionist come
- March –
- April – tree program
- May – Vic Scott
- June –
- July –
- August – school supplies
- September – first responders (fire, EMT's, etc.)
- October – hats and mittens and Domestic Violence
- November – food for baskets
- December –

Neighborhood issues were discussed. It was a consensus that the snow removal after the blizzard was good. The City has information in Spanish regarding the new snow removal policy and Linda will get it for our website.

Valerie reported on the Hull Avenue closing. Planning and Zoning voted against closing Hull and the other streets on the east side.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer