

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, October 5, 2015, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Bob Mahaffey, City Council, was the first of our speakers. He talked about the City doing tree inventory.

Doua Lor, Des Moines Police Department, was the next speaker. 18 people just graduated from the Police Academy. They will be hiring again in November or December. Remember the Annual Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Each neighborhood can send two representatives.

Linda talked about ADM and the meeting that will be held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at The Euclid Room at 6:30 p.m. Iowa Health, Polk County Health Department, DNR and ADM will be there.

Kristen Pike from the Salvation Army talked about the Red Kettle campaign. They have two events coming up: the 5K Red Kettle Run and there are 60 locations in Des Moines for the bell ringing. They serve breakfast twice a week. Last year, 3,000 children signed up for toys. The families are checked for income and that they are not on another list in Des Moines.

John TeKippe, Des Moines Fire Chief, said that this is Fire Prevention Week. He reported that 92% of calls were reached in eight (8) minutes. From the time of call until arrival at the hospital, the medics arrive within 29 minutes. This has only changed by 20 seconds since it was first timed in 2009. He reported that he had 280 full time employees in the department. He does use mutual aid.

If you have a smoke detector or a carbon monoxide detector that is over 10 years old, throw it away and buy new ones. He urged us to stop by and see the new ambulance at Station 3.

If anyone is interested in having a "free little library", please let one of the board members know.

Friends of the Eastside Library is giving five holiday baskets this year.

East Des Moines Democrats will meet this Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Home Plate.

Big "E" event will be held at Chuck's Restaurant on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and the tickets are \$25.00 each.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Valerie Madison made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, second by Connie Boesen. The motion was approved.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of September, we have \$2,836.93 in the bank, of which \$2,422.63 is the grant money, and \$414.30 is our operating expenses. No changes since the last month.

Our next board meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Ramsey*

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Secretary/Treasurer