

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2013, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Norm Kamm, ViceChair.

Doua Lor was our first speaker. He talked about the Des Moines Police Department Annual Neighborhood Workshop which will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Police Academy. Please RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Joe Gonzalez was recognized at a dinner last week. He then discussed the Special Enforcement Team and gave the statistics of what they accomplished. They made 368 arrests. He talked about the gun shots; the majority in Drake neighborhood. They are breaking into houses and taking guns. For extra patrol while you are gone for a few days, call 283-4811 to advise information.

Carolyn from the East Side Library was our next speaker to explain about the food baskets that will be made up and given out at Thanksgiving time. There will be eight (8) families receiving these and the school will be giving the names to the libraries of needy families.

Valerie Madison made the motion that Northeast Neighbors and Friends give a donation of \$50 to the library; Carole Westbrook second the motion. Motion was approved and check #1509 was written and given to Carolyn for this donation.

Carolyn then explained that the library as of February 1, 2014 would start charging \$10 per hour for use of this room. The other room across the hall is free but because of the fire code, the maximum number of people is limited to 15. However, Carolyn said if we could see that the number of people coming to our meeting was under 15, that we could move to the other room. Also, we could only reserve the room for two months at a time. Valerie made the motion that we discuss this at our meeting in December; this was second by Carole. Motion approved.

Connie Boesen explained that the schools are looking into the boundaries for the schools.

The last month's minutes were reviewed. Valerie asked that the sentence "Valerie is selling Girl Scout cookies" be taken out.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. The bank balance as of the end of October was \$2,591.25; \$2,000.00 was grant money, and \$591.25 was our operating expenses. Motion made by Connie Boesen; second by Jim Bush to accept the minutes and Treasurer's report with the above exception.

Linda left the postcards and calendars at the library for us. She only had 50 postcards made since she is looking for another picture for the front. They were passed around for people to take a few to send out. The calendars were discussed and passed out.

The next item was the election of officers. The slate of officers suggested by the Executive Committee is as follows:

Chair	Linda Westergaard
Vice Chair	Norm Kamm
Secretary/Treasurer	Marge Ramsey
Board:	Valerie Madison, Lorraine Eldredge, Carole Westbrook, Bill Martin, and Shelly Rodriguez
Web Master	Dennis Dyer

Connie Boesen made the motion; second by Candace Brown to approve the slate of officers as shown above. Motion was approved.

Jim Bush talked about the playground equipment being removed from Fairmont Park and the fact that they are looking for ways to raise money to purchase items for the park and remodeling.

The next meeting for Fairmont Park will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Douglas Acres next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, also.

Northeast Neighbors and Friends next board meeting will be Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at Dahl's on East Euclid.

Our next meeting will be the Holiday Party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Ramsey*

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Secretary/Treasurer