

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, November 5, 2012, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Cherie Mortice attended the meeting. She lives in the neighborhood and wanted to share with us regarding the City wanting to close Hull Avenue on both sides of the track. She had set up a Facebook page regarding this. One of the problems with this is the problem of emergency vehicles getting to places. There is a public meeting being held on Thursday, November 8th, at the Botanical Center from 6:30 until 7:30. The actual closing would have to be voted on by the City Council. Cherie asked that we contact the City Council members. She also asked that as many people as possible attend the meeting Thursday.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Ramsey. The bank balance is \$884.50 with \$432.55 as the balance of the grant and \$451.95 as operating expenses.

The minutes from the last month's meeting were reviewed and the following exceptions should be made to the minutes. Remove the sentence: Valerie's son is in the 1034<sup>th</sup> Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. Also, on Ruth Ann Gaines boundaries, it should read E 29<sup>th</sup> on the east and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue on the west. Motion made by Lorraine Eldredge to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Carole Westbrook. Motion approved with the changes noted above.

The Nominations Committee (Valerie Madison and Marge Ramsey) gave the list of officers as follows: Linda Westergaard as Chair; Norm Kamm as Vice Chair; Marge Ramsey as Secretary/Treasurer; and the following people on the board: Lorraine Eldredge, Carole Westbrook, Valerie Madison, Bill Martin, and Lawrence Malmin. Linda asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Motion made by Candice Brown, seconded by Jim Bush to accept the slate of officers as stated above. Motion was approved.

We then discussed Rebuilding Together. Marge and Lorraine told the members about the work that has been done in Capitol Park's neighborhood by them such as the weatherization project which was done by Rebuilding with a grant given to them by Lowe's. The Meredith Work Day that was done in Capitol Park's neighborhood last October was discussed. Emily from Rebuilding Together was to be here this evening but she was out of town. Linda will ask her to be here at our January meeting.

The Domestic Violence Center was discussed. An article in the paper told about the Clothes Closet which is a new service due to the opening of the new Central Iowa Shelter at 1420 Mulberry. The contact person there is Amy Olson.

The article said they needed new packaged underwear and socks for men and women, coats, hats, gloves for men and women. Candice Brown suggested that we bring these items to our December meeting.

The Not New Shop across the street from Lutheran Hospital is asking for used artificial Christmas trees.

Valerie gave Linda a thank you card from Willard School for the hats and mittens that we delivered to them.

The Des Moines Police Annual Neighborhood Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 until noon at the Police Academy on Army Post Road.

The next item for discussion was our December Holiday "get together" that we will hold on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 here at the library. Linda will make invitations and send out inviting people.

Carole Westbrook told about Judy Bradshaw giving a tour of the Police Department on Friday. It will be from 9:00 to noon and the cost is \$15. Carole is attending classes through the Papajohn Senior Center.

Linda reminded us to sign up for ringing the bells. She will be ringing bells on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Ramsey*

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Secretary/Treasurer