

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2013, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Officer Doua Lor was the first speaker for the evening. He gave his report including the seven shots that have happened here in Des Moines in the last week. The task force will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and going through September. The Citizens Academy is coming. Mobile cameras are doing their job.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of March, there is \$792.00 in the bank; \$591.95 of operating expenses; and \$200.05 of grant money. Marge to purchase ink cartridges for her printer and the balance of the grant money will go to Dennis Dyer for his maintenance of our website.

Connie Boesen can get quote for printing for us through Polk County. We are to send an e-mail to Connie and she will get a quote.

The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Carole Westbrook; second by Norm Kamm to accept the minutes as written. Motion was carried.

Bill Martin brought up the Hull Avenue closing and discussion followed. The City Council will vote on this on April 8<sup>th</sup> at their meeting which starts at 4:30 p.m.

A public meeting for Four Mile Creek Watershed study will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 PM R at the Hy-Vee Euclid Room, 2540 East Euclid Avenue. This meeting is to share the results of the watershed study and receive feedback.

Linda passed out information on the Leadership Classes being held at DMACC. Dennis Dyer will put a link on our website.

Marge gave some information on Central Iowa Shelter and Services (CISS) and the services that they provide. Besides serving beds for the homeless, they also have 46 computers for use to the public; provide classes for GED classes taught by DMACC instructors assessing the needs for each individual; provide apartments for Veterans on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; apartments for Section 8 people on the second floor; have a food pantry; clothing closet; and health care by Primary Health Services. Marge will try to obtain a speaker for our July meeting.

National Night Out (NNO) – Douglas Acres is again hosting the dinner at Hy-Vee Euclid Room. Discussion then followed regarding what different neighborhoods were doing.

The next item up for discussion was Fairmont Park. Their next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup> at Capitol Hill Christian Church at 6:00 PM. Linda made copies of their by-laws. This will be the main focus of the meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

SCRUB – next item for discussion.

There will be a fish fry at Capitol Hill Christian Church on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

Connie Boesen gave an update on school issues. We have a new superintendent who used to be a principal at Harding Jr. High. The budget looks good. She said the achievement gap is narrowing here in Des Moines. Four members of the school board are up for election. Connie has ten years of experience on the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Ramsey*

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Secretary/Treasurer