

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Tyler Granger from America's Renewable Future was our first speaker and spoke about a company in Iowa that is construction wind turbines.

Emily Boyd and Beth Hicks were here to tell us about Viva East Bank which is made up of three neighborhoods; MLK, Capitol Park, and Capitol East. It is a coalition of residents and partners.

Connie Boesen was here to tell us about Goodrell School which was always known as a traditional school. It is now an international baccalaureate school or a neighborhood school. Roosevelt and East are a north feeder pattern. East now has a population of about 2,400 and North has a population of 1,200 or 1,300 which is more than they should have.

She then explained about the recent article in the paper about outsourcing for substitute teachers. We have 30 to 50 vacant classrooms here. We are able to hire untrained teachers. The school board is taking a vote tomorrow evening regarding hiring Kelly Educational Services to recruit, hire, and train teachers and obtain substitute teachers to fill our vacancies. However, they are continuing to look at more numbers. Connie has contacted different school districts throughout the U.S. who are using this and finds that a couple have said they would never go back to the old way; that they are saving money and have better substitute teachers using this system. She said the only person who would be outsourced is the one in the HR position.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of April, our check balance was \$267.81. As of this date, the check balance is \$473.81 after deposit made today.

Candice Brown passed out flyers for a Fish and Turkey Dinner which is a fundraiser for a Texas Mission Trip. It will be held on May 17th at Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3322 E. 25th Street from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Our speaker for our June meeting will be Scott Sanders, our new City Manager.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer