

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, May 5, 2014, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first speakers were Marci Rafdal and Jill Applegate from Des Moines Community Action Agency. Marci gave an overview of the services that they provide. Some programs are LIHEAP, weatherization is done at the same time, rental assistance, they received \$55,000 this year. They also provide crisis assistance, cooling program, financial/energy wise class, food pantry, personal pantry, bank on, garden program, toys for tots, 800 to 1,000 food baskets depending on donations received, DMCAA is always looking for donations and volunteers. Jill left surveys for us to fill out and then Stephanie Preusch offered to deliver the surveys since she works just down the street from them.

We talked about the ash borer problem. Marci has two ash trees in her yard that has this problem and the fact that her agency is looking into receiving grants for seniors and low income people to pay for the ash trees to be cut down.

Our next speaker was Stephanie Preusch from the Neighborhood Finance Corporation. She passed out maps of the designated neighborhoods that they are serving at the present time. They give up to \$10,000 in forgivable loans.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Lorraine Eldredge made the motion that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was second by Norm Kamm. The motion was approved.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We had one additional membership paid since our last meeting. The balance in the bank is \$495.14.

Linda then talked about the free little libraries that Northeast Neighbors and Friends had purchased. We purchased three: one is in Marge Ramsey's yard at 1519 York St., one at Capitol Hill Christian Church at 3322 E. 25th Street (Candice is the Pastor), and the third one will be in Brook Run. Discussion followed.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, May 31st, at 9:00 a.m. at Dahl's on East 33rd Street. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library.

Linda announced that we were going to have an ice cream social in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer