

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, June 2, 2014, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Norm Kamm, Vice Chair.

Doua Lor was our first speaker. He asked about National Night Out and asked that the neighborhoods notify the police so they can be put on the list. He stated that 44 guns were taken off the street. Then he talked about the home invasion on NE 46th Street. He said the woman was to be released today from the hospital but will have to go to a rehab center. He said they would not accept any plea bargain from the person who did it. He said to keep our doors locked and if someone knocks you don't know, don't open the door.

Julie Kruse, Principal at Willard School, was our next speaker. She talked about all the changes that are being done at Willard. She told that 95% of the students were eligible for free lunches so with the school board's guidelines, all children at Willard are eligible for free breakfasts and lunches. No lunch money is collected. She gave a list of items they need: copy paper, pocket folders, spiral wide ruled notebooks, composition notebooks, Expo dry erasers, #2 pencils, scissors, Clorox wipes, zip lock bags, underwear, socks, and sweatpants.

Norm asked when the best time to deliver the items. It was agreed that Monday, August 11th, in the morning would be the best time. Willard does have a Facebook page.

The only update regarding Grandview was that the student center is coming down.

Connie Boesen was our next speaker. She talked about the open enrollment. She talked about a grant that Des Moines received to train principals. Des Moines was one of six grants given. She also talked about "Dream A Teach" for pupils wanting to become teachers. Another thing that the school board is planning in the future is for every classroom to have six I-pads (between a laptop and a I-pad) for students to help on what they need help. Connie also mentioned that the grading will be changed. Grades will be on behavior and for knowledge of subject matter.

Norm said tomorrow evening Douglas Acres is having an ice cream social at The Hy-Vee Room at 7:00. Douglas Acres is having a movie on July 25th at Sargent Park. Douglas Acres will also have their NNO at The Euclid Room on August 5th from 6:00 to 7:00. Everyone is welcome.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of June, we had \$495.14 in the bank. Thanks to Tom Hockensmith and the Polk County Supervisors, we received the

betterment grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 on July 1st. It was deposited in the bank on July 3rd so our bank balance now is \$2,995.14.

The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Valerie Madison made the motion to accept them as written; Shelly Rodriguez second the motion. Motion was carried.

Neighborhood issues were then discussed.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, August 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. at Dahl's on East 33rd Street. The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 4th, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library and. Remember to bring your school supplies for Willard School.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer