

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS  
EAST SIDE LIBRARY  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, September 10, 2012, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first speaker was Russ Frazier of Anawim. Anawim is a local non-profit affordable housing. They work with people who are on Steps 2, 3 and 4 of the housing ladder. They were issued tax certificates for 4605 East Hubbell and on Forest. The seven plex units will be ready at the end of this month, another will be ready by the end of November, and the third will be ready at the end of December. Community gardens will be available. They do a background check on individuals. They are in each unit on a quarterly basis. They work with the Des Moines Police Department to be a crime free housing development. Average tenant lease is 18 to 20 months. Russ will be at Douglas Acres meeting tomorrow evening.

Marylyn Bruce made a motion that we give Dennis Dyer a check for \$200.00 for maintaining our website for us. The motion was second by Norm Kamm. Motion was approved and Linda presented Dennis with a check for \$200.00.

Our next speakers were David Jahn, Municipal Arborist, and Leslie Berkus, Tree Keeper. They told us about their Tree Keeper program and their next class will be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Pioneer Columbus Center at 2100 S.E. 5th, from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. The registration is \$30 and you will receive a Tree Keeper t-shirt, membership, and lunch will be provided. Training for fruit trees will be held in October.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Ramsey. The balance is \$864.50 with \$432.55 as the balance of the grant and \$431.95 as operating expenses after writing a check for \$200.00 for Dennis Dyer.

Regarding the Woodland cemetery tour, Jim Bush said he gave the name of the contact to Linda Westergaard.

The minutes from the last month's meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Bush to accept the minutes. The motion was second by Carole Westbrook. Motion carried.

Marge reported that at the last NRB meeting, Fairmont Park was voted as inactive. They did not respond to the invitation to attend the NRB meeting.

Connie Boesen reported that there will be a spaghetti dinner at Hy-Vee on Wednesday to help East High with the costs that they have incurred due to the fire. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marge Ramsey*

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Secretary/Treasurer