

Northeast Neighbors and Friends Meeting Minutes October 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the East Side Library by Tania Hunt, President.

Present: Tania Hunt, Shirlee Herrold, Kevin Marken, Candice Brown, Paul Sadler, Dennis Dyer, Bob Mahaffey, Becky Howard, Elvis King and Julie “from Sheridan Park” and Marge Ramsey

Guests: Doua Lor, Celeste Kelly from McKee School

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department gave his report. He said that a free “What Parents Should Know About Prescription Drugs” course will be October 24th at 6:00 pm at DMACC Out Reach Center on Army Post Road. He said DMPD is recruiting 14 new police officers and should be on the streets by this time next year. He gave us some safety tips (See last month’s minutes too)

- Carry a whistle and/or pepper spray
- Tasers are not recommended because they have to be recharged frequently
- Fight to run away. You can’t fight to win
- When in a parking lot, always keep your dominant hand free. Have your keys/remote in your hands, ready to unlock, jump in and lock the doors.
- Don’t park too far from the entrance of the store
- When going away or on vacation call 283-4811 for a vacation watch to have police monitor your house
- Always lock your car doors. All the time! Don’t be lazy
- Don’t keep your garage door remote in the vehicle. It gives easy access to your house. Don’t be lazy

Officer Lor gave Kevin Marken kudos for bringing Accent and the Grandview neighborhoods together and making one strong neighborhood association. A round of applause ensued. Tania asked Officer Lor to explain the Fuel Up and the chemo bags programs. He briefly explained the benefits of the Fuel Up program. He was not prepared to talk about the chemo bags but will report on that next month. Tania briefly explained the chemo bags. Officer Lor talked about the Cops and Kids program. Then Tania presented two checks to the DMPD. One for \$500 for Fuel Up First program and \$500 for the chemo bags program.

Guest Speakers: Celeste with McKee School. She talked about the preschool program and praised the positive impact that the police have with the children. About 350 preschool children come to McKee. They have four Foster Grandparents (Valerie is one of them). Julie is a teacher associate at McKee. The NEN&F contribution to McKee went to the school nurse and she uses it to stock underwear, socks, gloves, hats, mittens, head lice treatments, etc. She talked about Des Moines Public Schools Early Childhood. Here is the link to the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DMPrek/>

Tania presented a \$200 check to Celeste for the McKee School.

The guest speaker for Des Moines Park and Recreation was a no-show tonight.

Linda Westergaard and Marge Ramsey are at City Council tonight.

Secretary Report: The minutes from our September meeting were reviewed. Paul Sadler made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Kevin Marken seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Sadler gave the balances for the Grant and the Operating funds. It was accepted and placed on file for audit.

Neighborhood News/New Business/Old Business:

- Sheridan Park (Gardens) - speed humps/speeding
- ACCENT Neighborhood – last meeting was good
- Capitol Hill Christian Church is having an open house for Candice on November 10 from 1-3. She is celebrating 20 years of service. Also they are having Trunk or Treat at the church from 6-8.

Election of officers:

Slate of Officers was presented by Tania:

President – Tania Hunt

Vice President – Norm Kamm

Secretary/Treasurer – Marge Ramsey

Board Members: Kevin Marken - Access

Shelly Rodriques – Grays Woods

Valerie Madison – Union Park

Paul Sadler – Union Park

Dennis Dyer – Douglas Acres – Webmaster

Marge Ramsey joined the meeting.

Tania satisfactorily explained her eligibility. She said Norm could not be here tonight because he is in the hospital. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion by Paul Sadler made a motion that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers as presented. The motion was second by Shirlee Herrold. Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations and Thank you for serving.

Upcoming Events:

- Resource Fair will be January 26th, 11:00 to 2:00 at the East Side Library Meeting Room. Flyers and details will follow soon.
- Next year the NEN&F meetings will be the first Monday of each month
- Our next NEN&F Board meeting will be Saturday, November 24th, at 9:00 am
- Our next NEN&F regular meeting will be Monday November 26th at 5:30 at the East Side Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Paul Sadler