

## NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Officer Doua Lor was our first speaker for the evening. He gave an update on Officer Tran, talked about the red light cameras, and the snow priority routes.

Lane Stumme from Habitat for Humanity Restore talked about a few things including the Homestead Group. They are a drop off site for them so if you are interested, you can contact them.

In March, we will have a speaker from Bethany Wilcoxcon's office to speak on the Tomorrow Group.

In April, we will have Lane Stumm back to give a presentation to us.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We have a total balance of \$1,064.50 in the bank; \$632.55 is balance from the grant, and \$431.85 is our operating expenses.

The minutes were reviewed. Valerie asked that in the paragraph about cards that we list the Deputy Director of the Public Library so there would be no confusion re who the card was sent to. Motion to approve by Jim Bush, second by Carole Westbrook. Motion carried

Connie Boesen was our next speaker and explained some of the problems facing the schools and the help needed by the public.

Jim Bush is an instructor at DMAACC. DMAACC moved into East High School in April 1912. Jim spoke to us on his hobby which is postcards of Des Moines. Most historians agree that postcards started in 1861. Until 1907, the notes had to be printed on the side of the postcard that had the picture. The other side was for addresses only. No notes could be written there.

Marge brought some brochures regarding the Core Leadership Classes and explained about the scholarships available for most neighborhoods and the value of the classes.

The subject of the Citizens Academy was brought up and discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey  
Secretary/Treasurer