

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, August 1, 2011, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Bill Howard, Candidate for School Board, was our first speaker. Some of the items that he will represent are that students need to be able to function socially and more vocational skills taught. Not every student will go to college nor will they want to. There are four seats on the school board that are up for re-election. The school board election will be held September 13th. Deadline for filing papers for a candidate is August 4th.

Our next speaker was Connie Boesen from the School Board. She spoke of the issues concerning our schools. She spoke about Hoyt School. The school will work harder to get the students that are bussed back on the buses and back in their neighborhood. The boundary for attending Hoyt is so large; a lot of students are bussed. Steve John is the new principal at East High. Mr. Conner (the last principal was run out by the teachers, he never came out of his office. Steve John came from being Vice Principal at North and increased the reading of the students by 20%. He is 57 years old and will be more community oriented. They need mentors at East High if anyone is interested, please call East.

Jim Wickham gave his report on the last NRB meeting. The staff recommended that two neighborhoods be classified as inactive. Skip Moore then spoke and agreed that these neighborhoods should be "derecognized". He suggested that they check on the surrounding neighborhoods can help these derecognized neighborhoods. That motion was passed unanimously.

He then reported on the election that took place at the Des Moines Neighbors meeting. The new chair is Marty Mauk. Max Knauer is secretary, Karen Shoopman and Terry Wells were elected as At Large.

Tomorrow (August 2nd) is National Night Out.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, September 3rd, at Dahls on E 33rd, at 9:00 am and our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th, at 5:30. This is because Monday is a holiday.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Bush, second by Jim Wickham. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey
Secretary/Treasurer