

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first guest speaker for the evening was Karen Rees who is with the Foster Grandparent program which is federally funded. It helps children become better people. The program has 34 sites and 60 foster grandparents. She also talked about the Senior Companion program.

Officer Lor of the Des Moines Police Department was the next speaker. He said the cameras will be operational sometime later this month. The intersections where they will be placed have not been decided yet. Linda explained the problem with Grandview Estates and he said they have extra patrols in areas like that. These patrols get out of their car and walk. He will contact Jim Nelson and see where the city stands on taking care of this area.

The Treasurers report was given by Marge. We have \$380 in the bank.

Last month's minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Marylyn Bruce, second by Valerie Madison. The minutes were approved as written.

Jim Wickham then gave an update on Des Moines Neighbors. The only news there was that they had their election.

There was discussion on we wanted to spend more time on neighborhood issues instead of speakers.

Norm Kamm then talked about volunteering at Four Mile Community Center. They need volunteers to serve meals, wipe off tables, etc. He has the date of May 19th reserved for the members who want to volunteer. He has a list of the ones who want to volunteer to help on that date. We also decided that we could take some money and buy starter plants, etc. for the people at the Center. He also talked about the Senior Festival which will be held on May 18th from 9:00 until 1:00 at the Fairgrounds. The last date to sign up for that is next Tuesday.

Carolyn, the librarian, came in and handed out some pamphlets. She also talked about the things that were going on at the library. She said the Friends group was doing some landscaping around the library and wants us to check back after the 16th and see what she could donate for our project at Four Mile, if any were left over.

Introductions were made around the table and each person told what neighborhood they were in.

Linda talked about the article in the paper regarding Dahl's plan for constructing a new building in Eastgate.

Our next board meeting is Saturday, June 4th, at Dahl's on E. 33rd St at 9:00 a.m. Our next meeting is June 6th.

Motion was made by Carole Westbrook; second by Jim Wickham. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey
Secretary/Treasurer