

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Our first speaker for the evening was Tom Hockensmith to give us an update about the budget, the Sheriff's office, county employees, and the courts. He also told us that the new Polk County Administrator is David Jones. There was also discussion re Eastgate.

Our next speaker was Vic Scott of Vic Scott Landscaping and he talked about some plants for fall. He brought a burning bush, sedum or "live forever", coral bell, day lily, feather reed grass, and hosta. The best thing to do for your plants right now is to soak them. Don't trim them back yet. All perennials should be cut down to the ground but the trimming and cut back should not be done until we have had a couple of good frosts. When you plant, be sure you use loose soil – mix some sand in with your dirt. Vic left the six plants and we had a drawing for the winners of them.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge. We have \$1,881.95 in the bank as of the end of September. The check of \$100.00 has not cleared the bank yet.

Connie Boesen gave a report on the school district. The school board is in the process of dividing the districts now. She explained that they were called districts, not wards. This takes effect in 2014.

Our next speaker was Bob Mahaffey. He reported that Hubbell Avenue has been resurfaced and he talked about FEMA. He reminded us that election was November 8th and reminded us to vote.

The pastor from Capitol Hill Christian Church handed out a flyer regarding their "Trunk or Treat" that they are having in their parking lot on Sunday, October 30th, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

At our November 7th meeting, we will have someone to explain Facebook to us – getting on and navigating on it.

Valerie checked with the library and found that the library was not available to us on December in case there is a "run off". Discussion followed regarding changing the date. After discussion, it was decided to hold our Holiday get together on the following Monday, December 12th, at the Eastside Library at 5:30 p.m.

The next item was the election of officers. Marge, from the Nominating Committee, asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Marge offered the current slate of officers to be elected again.

Linda Westergaard - Chair
Norm Kamm - Vice Chair
Marge Ramsey - Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members
Valerie Madison
Lorraine Eldredge
Carole Eldredge

Motion made by Marge Ramsey to accept the slate of officers for reelection; second by Jim Bush. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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