

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 22nd, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Akin Park, Alvord, Ballard, CHAIN, Culver, Diamond-Stringtown, Eastview, Fickas Road, GBC, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Jacobsville, Lamasco, Lincoln-Bellemeade, Lorraine Park, North Country Club, Oak Hill, Poplar Grove, Red Cross, South Lincoln Park Drive, STAR, Western Terrace, Westside Improvement, Wheeler, and Willamette Village.

The meeting in the Red Cross Building was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President David Ballew. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Morgan.

Minutes – Linda Jones

Minutes of the October 23rd, 2008 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Jim Morgan and the second by Dick McKasson, motion carried.

Financial Report – Dick Tredway

October, November, and December financial statements were distributed. Dick reported the info in the packet is up to date. If you have any questions please ask him. The report was filed for review. Fred Padget announced that the finance committee thinks it's a good idea to perform an internal audit by someone other than the finance committee. It should not take too much time ~ he will develop a list of things to look for and check. If anyone is interested in doing this please let him or Lori know.

Old Business

Carbon Monoxide Detectors for Home

Dave told the group this is the time of the year to have your furnaces checked before you start using it. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home be equipped with at least one carbon monoxide alarm near the sleeping area of the home. They should be checked periodically to see if they are working properly. Any home that uses gas is capable of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Abandoned Homes, Fire Watch

These homes need to be secure – kids/adults could go into them and start fires. Also, report if you see someone taking dogs into them – they could be having dog fights in them. Call Neighborhood Inspections if a house needs to be boarded up.

Sparkplug Banquet – Chris Cooke

Chris announced the Sparkplug Banquet will be on November 6th in 2009. Everyone agreed the Scottish Rite was a good location. There was \$5000 budgeted for the 2008 Sparkplug Dinner and we had \$2,343.26 left after all bills were paid.

New Business

UNOE Board Retreat Summary – David Ballew

Most of the board attended the retreat. Some of the things that came from the meeting are as follows:

- PowerPoint presentation to take around for funding, grants, and public awareness
- Increase neighborhood participation
- National Neighborhood Association Day is the 3rd Sunday in September and a Neighbor Day in May
- To keep the webpage updated at all times

Nominating Committee – Rene McCormick

Rene announced the slate of officers and At-Large members for 2009; a list is included in your packet. They are as follows: Vice-President – Robert Head, Secretary – Linda Jones, Treasurer – Dick Tredway and the At - Large Board Members are Marlin Beck, Barbara Boatright, Fred Cook, Nancy Currie and Lucy Williams. Jim Morgan made a motion to accept the Officers and Board Members as listed on the slate, Barb Boatright seconded, motion passed.

File of Life – Carolyn Stagg

Carolyn announced she has some of the new Files of Life that replaced the Vial of Life. She suggested some uses for them; put on refrigerator, in the glove box of your car, and even on scooters. These could save someone's life.

Ann Ennis, Mary Scheller, Steve and Susan Harp and EVIE went to Washington D.C. to receive an award for 1st place in the nation for Litter Prevention. Steve, Mary, and Evie will go to Cincinnati to do a presentation for them. La Cruces, New Mexico is starting a program of their own and their dog will be called Libby which will stand for "La Cruces Is Better Because of You".

Program

Storm Water Quality Program, Karan Barnhill

Karan Barnhill, Storm Water Coordinator, gave an overview of her job at the City Engineer's Office. Her duties include: reviewing soil erosion plans, monitor construction sites, inspect outfalls for illicit discharges, prepare monthly reports for IDEM, and work closely with developers and citizens regarding soil erosion complaints and problems. If you feel there is a problem she can help you with, please call her at 436-4977.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barb Boatright shared a flyer that the officers from Ballard Neighborhood compiled by walking their neighborhood block by block. This notice listed all Property Maintenance Code violations of every house in the neighborhood. After the list was compiled it was distributed to all households in the neighborhood letting them know they were in violation and could get cited unless they took care of the problems. Good job Ballard Neighborhood Association.

Keep Evansville Beautiful (KEB) has 95 Adopt-A-Spots for 2009; they will not have any new ones. Their focus this year will be the Gateway areas into the City of Evansville.

There have been a lot of break-ins in the South Sector over the last several months. The Police are taking a pro-active stance on the problem and are doing everything in their power to catch the person doing this. If you see anyone suspicious in the area please call the police.

Dave thanked Karan and everyone for attending the meeting and announced Dr. Dan Adams would be the February speaker.

Sam Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janet James seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Linda Jones
UNOE Secretary