

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 23rd, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Akin Park, Alvord, Ballard, CHAIN, Culver, Diamond-Stringtown, Eastview, Helfrich, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Jacobsville, Lorraine Park, Mt. Auburn, North Country Club, Presidents, Red Cross, South Lincoln Park Drive, STAR, Tepe Park, Western Terrace, Westside Improvement, Wheeler, and Willemette Village

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

Minutes – Linda Jones

Minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Jim Morgan and the second by Janet Coleman, motion carried.

Financial Report – Dick Tredway

March financial statements were distributed. Lori explained the printing expense was higher this month due to the membership promotion for member neighborhoods. The report was filed for review.

Old Business

Free First Aid and CPR – Chris Cooke

The last class will be held on May 30th from 8am-5pm at the Red Cross building. You must call the UNOE office if you are interested in attending the training session. There were 17 that attended the 2 half day sessions – they each received a free 1st Aid kit after they completed the 2 day course. UNOE received a Thank You card from the Red Cross and they said they could add another class if it was needed.

Great American Cleanup – Dave Ballew

The last day of the Great American Cleanup is May 16th. Tire Amnesty Day was last Saturday and a lot of tires were taken to be recycled. There will be an Arbor Day celebration at Good Shepherd Catholic School tomorrow the 24th. The Mayor will be there to issue an official Arbor Day proclamation and winners of the Vectren third grade Arbor Day essay contest will be announced. Also, you can pick up a free red bud tree at Vectren headquarters on Riverside Drive beginning at 7am on April 24th. You will need to bring a stack of newspapers or magazines to be recycled for Wesselman Nature Society to receive a free tree (while they last)!

New Business

Sparkplug Banquet Update – Chris Cooke

Chris Cooke announced the committee has met and they are moving forward with the preparations for the Sparkplug Banquet. The theme will be UNOE 2009 Sparkplug Banquet “Come on Board”. They will have a game board like Monopoly with all the neighborhood associations on it. The banquet will be on November 6th at 6pm at the Scottish Rite. They have narrowed it down to about 5 speakers. This speaker will be someone that has never spoken to UNOE before.

Franklin Arms Neighborhood Association – Dave Ballew

There is a new neighborhood association their boundaries are Virginia on the North, Division on the South, Weinbach on the East and Rotherwood on the West. Scott Meredith is the president. Linda Jones is also working with another group that wants to start a new neighborhood association.

Census – Charleen Williams

Charleen announced census workers will be out in the neighborhoods just asking 1 question ~ is this a 1 household unit? Please tell your neighbors to be honest and answer the question. This determines the amount of money we will receive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave asked people to let the UNOE office know if they have any ideas for workshops or speakers at the General Meetings.

Leadership Evansville will be hosting an open conversation on how Glenwood Middle School, its students and families can best be served on May 4th from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Glenwood Middle. RSVP to Shelly Barton – 812-962-1102 or e-mail to shelly@ecoquipinc.net.

Youth Cleanup Day will be held on April 25th at 9:30am; they will meet at the Bement Avenue entrance to the zoo. They will pick up trash about ¼ of a mile down St Joseph Avenue. This was made possible with a grant from Alcoa through UNOE. In case of bad weather May 2nd will be the makeup day.

The West Sector and the FOP will be having an event called Kool Wheels bring Kool Smiles on May 2nd from 10am- 2pm at Town Center Mall on Diamond Avenue. There will be lots of vehicles for the kids to climb on and look at. There will also be food and activities available~ all of this will be free.

Carolyn Stagg was nominated by UNOE to receive an award from the Disaster Resistance Community Corporation for the Disaster Preparedness Workshop she planned for the West Side neighborhoods. Congratulations Carolyn!

It was announced an informational seminar on Breast Cancer is being planned for the community. As soon as a date is set; it will be announced. The date for the Komen Race for the Cure will be on September 19th and it will be downtown this year.

Program

“Internet Safety” Matt Hill, Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Department

- He advocates spying on your children on the internet and their cell phones.
- If your child tells you someone is bullying them or if someone tells you your child is bullying someone else ~ listen to them and check it out
- Don’t give too much information about yourself on the internet – full name, address, date of birth and phone number ~ that is way too much info

Monitor internet activity

- If your kids are on MySpace then you should be on there too as a friend
- Know their username and passwords
- Become a friend of your child and watch what they post and say – have kids watch out for their younger brother and sister
- Do not forward any obscene items – Never, Never, Never
 - Phishing – fraudulent e-mail on computer
 - Mishing – fraudulent text message sent to mobile phone advising you to go a web site
 - Vishing – fraudulent call sometimes a recording – directing you to a web site or another telephone number in order to obtain financial information
 - 419 scams – long lost relative left you a lot of money
 - Lottery Scams – send money to get money
 - Identity Theft – Provide too much information and it is possible for someone to steal your identity

Protect yourself and your computer with virus scanners (AVG Free or Avast Free), spyware/malware scanners (Spybot S&D, Adware and Malwarebytes - \$15 but worth it), firewalls (Zone alarm, Comodo and Windows Firewall), hardware router (wireless routers are fine, use encryption WPA2, change the SSID, change the login/password, change the default IP address assignment range) and e-mail filters (outlook/outlook express have filters built in – you may have to turn them on, use free web based e-mail such as gmail, yahoo, hotmail all do virus scanning on attachments). You can never be too safe!

Gordon Dingman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, Barb Boatright seconded.

Linda Jones
UNOE Secretary