

# UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Alvord Blvd., Ballard, CHAIN, Culver, Diamond Stringtown, Eastview, Helfrich, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Jacobsville, Oak Hill, Poplar Grove, Presidents, South Lincoln Park Drive, STAR, University South, Vogel-Spring Park, Western Terrace, Westside Improvement, and Wheeler.

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 April 23, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Jim Morgan and the second by Janet James, motion carried.

## **Financial Report – Dick Tredway**

April financial statements were distributed. Dick reported we are current with the City. If you have any questions see him after the meeting. The report was filed for review.

## **Old Business**

### **Free First Aid and CPR – Chris Cooke**

The last class will be held on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm at the Red Cross building. We may set up additional classes later this year.

### **Sparkplug Banquet Update – Chris Cooke**

Chris Cooke announced the banquet will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Scottish Rite. Jeff Lyons from Channel 14 will be the speaker – he will talk about growing up in a neighborhood and the influence that made in his career choice.

**Litter Patrol** - Susan Harp asked Ballard, Glenwood, and CHAIN to give an overview of their Litter Patrol programs. All three have very successful programs

- Ballard had a cleanup day – they were worried no one was going to show up to help – but they ended up having plenty of help.
- Glenwood had a clean-up on April 25<sup>th</sup> and they had 20-25 kids and the same amount of adults. They have another cleanup scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- CHAIN partnered with the Boys and Girls Club at Fulton Housing – they have an ongoing program with 10-15 kids cleaning up several times per week. They have the supplies and equipment they need to keep the program moving forward.

## **New Business**

### **DTV Conversion – Vicki Paris and Johnna Denning**

Johnna announced she now works for WNIN as the Education Outreach Coordinator. She leads educational workshops in the community. You can check out WNIN at [www.wnin.org](http://www.wnin.org) and also on Facebook. Kids Fest will be held in September they are expecting about 5000 people to attend. If you are interested in volunteering or setting up a booth please let her know.

Vicki Paris said they are always looking at ways to partner with community organizations if you have any ideas on partnerships call her. DTV will start June 12<sup>th</sup> – most stations are already putting out digital signals. Rescan your TV channels after June 12<sup>th</sup> – there will be more stations available. Even cable and

satellite stations may be moving to different channels. If you have problems after June 12<sup>th</sup> call your cable company. She announced you may not get very good reception, your picture may be distorted, etc... and it will get worse before it gets better. If you have any questions call her at 423-2973.

### **EPA Clean-Up – Dave Ballew**

Dave announced EPA is doing lead clean-up in the Jacobsville Neighborhood and eventually it will move to other areas. It won't start in the other areas until 2012 or 2013.

**Arena** – Dave announced that someone will attend the June meeting to talk about the Downtown Arena.

### **Program: Mental Health Awareness Month – Crisis Intervention Team, Mental Health Associates**

Janie Chappell the Manager of Community Services at Deaconess Cross Point, Jill Marcrum a magistrate with the courts, Mike Sitzman an EPD Police Officer, and Chad Howard a Deputy on the Sheriff's Department were the speakers. It was announced May is Mental Health month. The CIT started a little over two years ago with several interested organizations traveling to different cities to see what they were doing. Other communities started these teams because of a consumer (the Mental Health Patient) or a police officer getting killed. They discovered Fort Wayne had the best program and wanted to duplicate it to fit Evansville. Janie, Jill, Officers Sitzman and Goergen went through 40 hours of training in Fort Wayne to get certified. The goals of the CIT are:

- to get the consumer to the lowest degree of therapy
- Officer safety
- Reduce the officers time in the Emergency room and get them back out on the street

CIT Officers can do an Immediate Detention on a consumer (24 hour hold) – in the first 4 months they had 4 immediate detentions after the training of 33 more officers they had 10 in 2 weeks ~ this was not a mandatory training of the other officers, they all requested to go through the program because they had an interest in it. Some Sheriff Deputies also went through the program because they wanted to. Several Dispatchers went through the program because sometimes they are the first people that talk to the consumers. The committee consists of the Police Department, Sheriff Department, Deaconess, St. Mary's and Southwestern Mental Health. They want to increase the number of CIT officers both in the city and the county because learning about the illness gives them a better understanding of it. They are in the process of getting a Citizen's Academy together this will be for school principals, fire department, counselors, etc... The CIT Team has been very successful.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Hilltop Neighborhood will be holding their annual rummage sale at Pine Haven Nursing Home on June 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 13<sup>th</sup>) Call Brenda Carrigan if you are interested in renting a space.
- Alvord Neighborhood will be having their annual rummage sale on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- University South will hold their rummage sale on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Presidents Neighborhood will have their rummage sale on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul announced that in your packet there are summer schedules for the Park's Department. Beverly Kempf suggested that people get a membership to the zoo; they are well worth it. Admission to the Amazonia is included in the membership fee.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cedar Hall School

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

Linda Jones  
UNOE Secretary