

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 23rd, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Akin Park, Alvord, Ballard, CHAIN, City Council, Culver, Eastview, GBC, Goosetown, Helfrich, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Mt. Auburn, North Country Club, Oak Hill, Red Cross, South Lincoln Park Drive, STAR, University South, Vogel-Spring Park, Westside Improvement, Wheeler, and Willamette 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 Dick McKasson.

Minutes – Linda Jones

Minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Rene McCormick and the second by Sue Wilson, motion carried.

Financial Report – Dick Tredway

June financial statements were distributed. Dick reported the Finance Committee has prepared the proposed budget for 2010. The report will be filed for review.

Old Business

Sparkplug Banquet Update – Chris Cooke

Chris Cooke announced the banquet will be on November 6th at 6pm at the Scottish Rite. In your packet tonight are forms to be completed for advertising in the program and also a donation form for door prizes. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26th at 5pm in the UNOE office. If you have any suggestions call Chris on his cell phone or call the UNOE office. Remember to get your pictures for the power point together and drop them off at the UNOE office.

National Night Out – Dave Ballew

National Night Out will be held at Garvin, Lorraine and Akin Parks on August 4th from 6-9pm. Everything is free for those that attend. We purchased a NNO Knight costume last year and he will be out in the community a lot this year. On August 1st he will be at the Target on the eastside from 1-3pm and on August 2nd he will be at the Target on the northside from 1-3pm. We will be having a Breakfast in the Park on August 3rd at Garvin at 8:30am. The Mayor will read the proclamation that morning.

New Business

Nominating Committee – Dave Ballew

We need 2 people to serve on the nominating committee with Rene McCormick. They will need to meet a couple of times before October to come up with a slate of officers to be presented at the October General Membership Meeting. Linda Jones and Janet Coleman volunteered to serve on the committee.

2010 Budget – Fred Padget

Fred announced the committee took the figures from last year and so far this year and tried to stay about the same. Someone asked, what happens if we don't get funded by the City? We would not be able to keep our employees. Someone else suggested we look at trying to get some funding from the County, too.

Methamphetamine Survey – Doug Berry

Doug asked if the people in attendance would complete a short survey about a grant the police department received for meth. If you have already completed one at a sector meeting please don't do it again. He will collect them after the meeting tonight.

Storm Water Drainage – Karan Barnhill

Karan told the group about a new program she is working on with the City and Keep Evansville Beautiful. They will be purchasing 55 gallon rain barrels; in hopes of selling them to residents that will use them to collect rain water. The top of the barrel is a planter for flowers. Your downspout will drain into the barrel to catch the water, it has a water spigot to let the water out into a water can or bucket – so you can use the water to water your plants. There is also a soaker hose attached with an on and off valve. Karan said the barrel will probably cost between \$130 and \$150 each. They will start using them at Wesselman Woods and other places. She said if they want to get others to use them, then they must set an example and use them too.

Keep Evansville Beautiful – Ann Ennis

Ann announced a new program they are trying to do this summer – it is called “Recycling on the River”. In an effort to keep the river cleaner – they have some recycling bags – these bags are to be used by boaters and fishermen. They will take the bag with them and put their cans, bottles and other trash in them and then discard them in the proper place. They received a grant through Anheuser Busch.

She also shared another thing they are doing called “We’ve Noticed”. This is a postcard that you can send to people in your neighborhood that go out of their way to help keep their yard, curb, or any other place in the area clean. If they have beautiful flowers, just painted their houses or just about anything; send them a card. These cards are postage paid and can be picked up in the Keep Evansville Beautiful office. They also have one that is for those that may need help in knowing how to keep things picked up. But you must come into the office and fill those out. Steve Hahn, State Farm agent on Diamond Ave has sponsored these cards.

Program: Do UNOE where to go for info??

Susan Harp, Chris Cooke, Dave Ballew, and Rick Davis showed the group how to maneuver through some of the websites that may be helpful to neighborhoods. Such as; Engineers Office (road inventory to tell you which roads are maintained by the City), Vanderburgh County Treasurers Office (to see taxes on properties, who owns them), Auditor’s Office, County Assessors Office (to compare other taxes on your block, etc), City Cemeteries (put in name of person buried there and it will show you where they are buried), Building Commission (to see if someone has a building permit, to find a licensed contractor and to see the property maintenance code) and the County Assessor’s office, white pages. Susan distributed a list of websites that you may be interested in seeing. There was a lot of useful information shared – this could be a good stand alone workshop.

Dave announced UNOE has once again partnered with Red Cross to have CPR and First Aid classes free of charge to UNOE families. One will be an all day class on Saturday, October 17 from 8am – 5pm. The second class will be split into 2 nights on October 20 and 22 from 6-10pm each night (you must attend both nights to get certified). A flyer is included your packet.

Linda Jones
UNOE Secretary