

UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

October 22nd, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Akin Park, Ballard, CHAIN, Culver, Eastview, GBC, Glenwood, Goosetown, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Lamasco, Lorraine Park, North Country Club, Oak Hill, Poplar Grove, 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 Rene McCormick.

Minutes – Linda Jones

Minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Rene McCormick and the second by Janet James, motion carried.

Financial Report – Dick Tredway

September financial statements were distributed. Fred Padget reported the City is up to date on payments. There is an increase in Promotion and Outreach due to refreshments for Candidates night and UNOE shirts were purchased for the President and President-Elect. There was also an increase in Postage due to mailing the By-Laws and the Regional Vice-President information out to the neighborhoods. The Income for Reimbursement of Neighborhood Printing was higher just because of the timing from printing to receiving the payment from the neighborhood. The report will be filed for review.

Old Business

Sparkplug Banquet Update – Chris Cooke

Reservations are due by tomorrow, October 23rd. The ad sales and the donations are well over last years totals. This means there will be more neighborhood grants available. Kokie's is catering the banquet and Jeff Lyons will be the speaker. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th at 5pm at the UNOE office.

New Business

Neighborhood Associations Services Coordinator Position – Dave Ballew

Dave announced Paul is retiring at the end of the year and UNOE will need to hire someone to try and fill his shoes. Dave announced that Lori has applications available tonight – for those of you that may be interested or know of someone that may be. This is a 10 hour a week position paying \$10 per hour. A job description is included in your packet.

Regional Vice-President Election Procedure – Paul Farmer

The elections for the Regional Vice-Presidents were held at 6pm tonight. The new Regional Vice-Presidents are Monty Jones – East, Christy Baker – South, and Carolyn Stagg – West.

Nominating Committee – Rene McCormick

Rene thanked her committee (Janet Coleman and Linda Jones) for their work on helping with the nominating committee this year. All the positions have been filled – the slate of officers for 2010 are as follows: President - Elect – Charleen Williamson from Wheeler, Secretary – Teresa Huff from Lamasco, Treasurer – Delores Mason from Lorraine Park. The nominees for the At-Large members are Nancy Currie of Akin Park,

Barbara Boatright of Ballard, Lucy Williams of Glenwood, Fred Cook of Goosetown and Marlin Beck of Oak Hill. There will also be nominations taken from the floor that night.

Other from the Floor

Carolyn Stagg announced she still had tickets left for the COIN Banquet on October 29th, tickets are \$15 each. They give away door prizes and 3 - \$1000 scholarships. She said it is a very good event and lots of fun.

Bev Kempf from STAR neighborhood announced on Tuesday, October 27th at St. Anthony Center for Family Life; Dr. Ahmed will present “Journeying through Breast Cancer”. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be door prizes and refreshments. She had flyers for anyone that was interested.

Christy Baker gave a short report on the City Council meeting on Monday night. They didn’t vote on the original package for the 96 gallon city wide trash can project. They put it out for bids. There will be a series of public hearings about the trash can project. There will still be a 3-year increase starting with \$1.50 the first year.

Program: “Keeping Your Neighborhood viable, successful and out of trouble” – Paul Farmer

Paul and the staff from UNOE put together a power point presentation to try and help neighborhoods stay successful. Here are some key points to remember:

- Mission Statement – must have one that describes your neighborhood’s overall purpose
- Vision Statement – tells your overall goal for the future
- Long Term Planning – should focus on the long term considerations that will ensure the organization remains successful
- Grant Writing – be clear and concise, follow instructions and address everything that is required by the funder
- How do you Operate as an Association? –
 - What do you want your neighborhood to be?
 - What is the Association going to do?
 - Who do you need to assist you?
 - What do you need from the outside?
 - Goal setting – every year
- Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Association Meetings – decide where to meet, how often, what type of meeting, program and business session (includes minutes and finance report)
- Use Robert’s Rules of Order always

Paul suggested UNOE should invest in a Robert’s Rules of Order book for all of the Neighborhood Associations.

Paul also distributed a packet of information about starting a Non-Profit Organization in Indiana.

Rene McCormick made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, Christy Baker seconded, motion carried.

Linda Jones
UNOE Secretary