NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Tania Hunt, Chair. Introductions were made around the table.

Our speaker was Karen Ligas from Everybody Wins! Iowa. She told that they covered four counties in central Iowa. They need volunteers to help children with their reading skills. Volunteers are subject to a background check and orientation before they match a mentor with a child. 61% of families are without books to 13 books for upper income families. Mentors are needed at Willard, Capitol View, Findley, and Cattell. They have served 622 students. They do have programs after schools and a couple of evening classes.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Jim Bush, second by Paul Sadler to accept them as written. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report. Balance in the bank as of November 30th was \$2,070.15. \$1.507.55 was grant money and \$562.61 was operating expenses.

Linda Westergaard brought a get well card and passed it around for Norm Kamm. The City is getting ready to work on the budget. Let Linda know where you want the cuts to be made. City Council had a citizens group who wants to see the one cent sales tax put on the March ballot. Reno Dog Park will be just south of Hubbell and will be bigger and better. The cost for a new fire station at northwest corner of E. 42nd and Hubbell will be 12 million.

We plan to have someone from Public Works at our January meeting to talk about snow removal. In the future we plan on having Public Works to talk about sidewalks. We also would like to have someone talk about the one cent sales tax.

Resource Fair will be January 26th. Accent will hold a Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 16th at 3000 Easton from 2 to 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey Secretary/Treasurer