

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Norm Kamm, Vice Chair.

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department was our first speaker. He talked about this being the time of the year through March when a lot of break ins occur. He said to be sure when you leave home to pull your blinds so people cannot look in the windows to see what you have and where it is. He said as long as you are home, it is OK to leave blinds open. He said if you see anything suspicious to report it to the police at the non-emergency number, 283-4811. Also, when leaving for vacation, call the non-emergency number so the police can watch it closer.

Nate Boulton who is running for the Iowa Senate was our next speaker. He talked about the lawsuits and his firm have filed and his plans for the future. He said he and Pat Dearden are the only two who are running right now but petitions do not have to be filed until March. He said they are both running on the Democratic ticket. He invited all of us to a meeting at Hilltop tomorrow evening at 5:30.

Tanya from the Greater East Side Development was visiting us and wanted to tell us about her organization and what they do and asked if anyone was interested in attending their meetings.

Since we had postponed our election of officers from last month because of Linda being elected to the City Council, our slate of officers is listed below:

Chair – Marge Ramsey
Vice Chair – Norm Kamm
Secretary –
Treasurer – Marge Ramsey will fill this role

Board Members will be: Shelly Rodriguez, Carole Westbrook, Paul Sadler, Valerie Madison, and Web Master is Dennis Dyer.

Marge gave the financial statement. In the bank right now, we have \$760.87; \$446.57 is left from our grant; and \$314.30 is operating expenses. The gift card for Linda was taken out of our operating expenses. Payment was made for a banner, the recorder, treats for today's meeting, Dennis Dyer's payment and a payment to Doug Hesseltine for three more little libraries.

If you know anyone with books, we need them for our Free Little Libraries. We have sent a check to Doug Hesseltine to build three (3) more little libraries so if you know anyone who is interested in having one, please let us know.

Northeast Neighbors and Friends are looking for new Board Members? Please let us know if you would like to be a part of our Board.

We are ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 11th, at the Hy Vee on East Euclid from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 12th, we will meet at K-Mart at 2:00 p.m. to purchase items for the Union Park Health Center for Christmas presents. Then we will go to the Asian Church to fill the bags with the goodies. Then we will deliver them to the residents, hopefully, the following Saturday.

Marge and Linda ordered a banner for Northeast Neighbors and Friends from Staples today and it should be ready to be picked up tomorrow.

The swearing in for the new City Council members will be January 11th at 4:00 p.m. We should be there if at all possible.

Northeast Neighbors and Friends Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2nd, at the Financial Plus Credit Union located at East 29th and Euclid Avenue with our regular meeting being held on Monday, January 4th, at the East Side Library at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer