

**Northeast Neighbors and Friends
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library by Tania Hunt, Chair.

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department told about the graduating class of cadets and how many they are down. On May 19th, people can turn in any guns and ammunition and there will be no questions asked. Unused pills can be turned in anytime seven days a week. There is a container that looks like a mailbox that you can put unused pills in.

Our speaker is Rebecca Chamberlain from EMBARC to tell us what they do and who they help. They have so many languages that the different ethnic groups cannot communicate among themselves. An interpreter is needed. They opened their office in Polk County in February of 2014. There are over 10,000 refugees in Iowa from Burma.

The minutes from our March meeting were reviewed. Paul Sadler made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Norm Kamm second the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – there is \$582.61 in our operating funds and \$32.03 of grant money.

Jennifer from the trailer park talked about the violations that are occurring at the trailer park. She has documented things and given them to Linda Westergaard. She has contacted Lee Rood but has not heard back from her yet.

Grays Woods meet the second Tuesday in May.

There is a meeting on Wednesday with the group wanting to start a neighborhood in the Triangle.

Highland Park and Oak Park will have a Celebrate the Parks on May 20th. 6th Avenue from Euclid to Seneca will be closed.

GESD and Northeast Neighbors and Friends are hosting a Resource Fair on September 22nd at the Salvation Army Citadel on East 26th and University.

There was some confusion at the Board meeting regarding the meeting dates in May. The Board meeting will be held on May 12th at Papa Kern's on East 29th across from the Fairground. Our May meeting will be held on May 14th at the East Side Library as usual.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey
Secretary