

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Doua Lor from the Des Moines Police Department was our first speaker. He talked about the drug bust of the places selling K2. He said there was about \$80,000 that was at the E. 38th and Hubbell business place. He talked about the gun shots and the fact that the special team of eight officers is going to become active next week and stay active through September. They are starting early this year. He explained about the scam that people are receiving portraying MidAmerican and asking for "past due" money that is owed. He also talked about the Neighborhood Watch.

Alex from Grandview University was our next speaker. The student center will be coming down and there will be a new one with a skywalk by the start of the 2015 student year.

Our next speaker was Jason Norris, Outreach Project Manager, from Relay Iowa. He gave information about Relay Iowa and the services offered. Relay Iowa offers a communication link for those who are deaf, hard of hearing or who have difficulty speaking to the hearing community. Many people think relay services only benefit those who are deaf, but actually many, many people can benefit from relay. For example, the Captioned Telephone is a service that is especially helpful to people who wear hearing aids or are hard of hearing and having trouble using the telephone due to their hearing loss. There are Communication Assistants to assist in communication through the use of TTY, deaf-blind communicator, or other specialized equipment. The phone itself is very easy to use. You receive instructions and a CD and Jason will come out and help you set it up if you ask him. The cost of the phone if purchased through the manufacturer is \$75.00 but if you are approved by the State, they will issue a voucher and your cost will end up being \$4.12. It takes about a week to be approved through the state.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. As of the end of March, the balance in the bank is \$485.19. There was a deposit made of \$35.00 since the end of February.

The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Jim Bush made the motion that the minutes be approved as written. Second by Candice Brown. Motion was approved.

Jim Bush collects postcards and had some postcards of the old Younkers building and the Tea Room. One of them dated back to 1908. Connie Boesen then talked about

her background with Younkers. She worked for them for 34 years from the time she was in high school until they closed. Younkers was the first store to hire women.

Linda then talked about the SCRUB dates and passed around the SCRUB calendar.

The next item of discussion was the "free little libraries". Linda brought a copy of the article that was in The Des Moines Register in March. She then explained that the three libraries that we had were going to Marge Ramsey, Brook Run, and Candice Brown was asked if her church would be interested. Candice said she would check and get back to us.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, May 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. at Dahl's on East 33rd Street.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 5th, at 5:30 p.m. at the East Side Library. Our speaker will be Marci Rafdal from Des Moines Community Action Agency.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer