

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, July 6, 2015, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Linda talked about the background of our organization.

Introductions were made around the table.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$3,563.81 in the bank as of the end of June; however, we have to write a check to Image Solutions for \$93.81 for the five sweatshirts that we ordered.

The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Valerie Madison and second by Carole Westbrook. Motion was approved.

Connie Boesen talked about the school boundaries and how they came about. She said that Lincoln and East each had about 2,300 pupils and North had approximately 1,200; North is up about 400 pupils. She talked about the School Board Election that is coming up. Today was the first day to sign up if you want to run and the last day is July 30th. There are three districts and one At-Large positions running. There is an event on Saturday called "Effective DMPS Governance -- a training presented by the DMPS school board" if anyone is interested in attending.

A list of events coming up:

Faculty Lounge will be at Rendezvous at Riverview on Friday. This is a band made of up all teacher.

On July 14th, Douglas Acres will have an Ice Cream Social at The Euclid Room at 7:00.

Union Park will have the movie "Monsters" on August 20th at Ding Darling Shelter.

Douglas Acres will have "The Goonies" on July 23rd at Sargent Park.

NNO events on August 3rd:

Douglas Acres will hold theirs at The Euclid Room.

Union Park will hold theirs at United Methodist Church.

Fairmont Park will hold theirs at Fairmont Park with a clown and a dance teacher.

Grays Wood will have a potluck.

Nancy Hanna passed around her business card and told us about the business she and her husband are planning on opening called "The Fish Factory" at 3720 2nd Avenue. Their e-mail will be fishfactorydsm@gmail.com and the phone number is 528-9911. This will be a gathering place for community/group meetings, recitals, and concerts. She said the coffee and Wi-Fi are always free. She hopes to open in August and will be open a few days to start with the plans to eventually be open more.

In August, we will do our collecting for school supplies. Marge will contact Julie Kruse, the principal at Willard School and Linda will contact Merit Resources to see if they want to help again this year.

We talked about the "free little libraries". Northeast Neighbors and Friends now have paid and set up seven (7) "free little libraries". Norm Kamm made the motion that we purchase two more libraries; the motion was second by Carole Westbrook; motion was approved. Marge will write a check for \$550.00 and send to Doug Hesselstine for him to make two more libraries.

Valerie Madison talked about Legal Aid and maybe having them as a future speaker. Tomorrow at The Greater Des Moines Botanical Center at 7:00 talking about the ash borer. She also told that Luther Park had opened an Adult Day Care.

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 3rd, with National Night Out being the next day.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer